CAIRO (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Saturday received a letter from the Kuwaiti emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, believed to concern the current threats to shipping in the Gulf. Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Ateiki, the emir's envoy, delivered the letter when he Abdul Rahman Al Ateiki, the emir's envoy, delivered the letter when he met Mr. Mubarak immediately after arrival. He told reporters it dealt with the latest situation in the Gulf region, but declined to elaborate. Asked whether Kuwait is seeking Egyptian help to clear mines from Kuwait's coastal waters, he said: "I'm not here to discuss such issues." Egypt gained experience on mine clearance when a multinational fleet helped sweep the northern and southern ends of the Gulf of Suez in 1984 after a series of explosions that damaged about 18 vessels. Egyptian officials at the time said they suspected Libyan or Iranian involvement, which both Tripoli and Tehran denied. A state-owned newspaper, Al Ahram, reported this week from Washington that Sheikh Jaber was sending an envoy to ask Mr. Mubarak for Egyptian advice on minesending an envoy to ask Mr. Mubarak for Egyptian advice on mine-sweeping techniques.

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Jordanian and Turkish

leaders discuss Mideast

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### Abu Taleb in Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb, arrived reprintation of in Baghdad on Saturday at the head of a military delegation visiting Iraq for several days. The Iraq News Agency (INA) said the visit "falls within the framework of continued brotherly meetings and relations" between the two countries.

### Iraqi leader gets Chirac's message

NICOSIA (AP) — French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Noir met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad Saturday and handed him a message from Premier Jacques Chirac on bilateral relations, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. The news agency did not disclose the contents of the message. INA also said Mr. Noir discussed with Taha Yassin Ramadan, deputy prime minister and member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, "means of developing bilateral relations in economic spheres." It gave no other details of the discussions with Mr. Ramadan.

## Assad accepts two ministers' resignation

DAMASCUS (R) — President Hafez Al Assad has accepted the resignations of Syria's agriculture and construction ministers after they were accused of mismanagement. Two presidential decrees published on Saturday reported the resignations but gave no reasons. Building (Construction) Minister Riad Baghdadi quit after parliament passed a non-confi-dence resolution on June 17 accusing him of negligence. The minister of agriculture and agra-rian reform, Mahmond Al Kurdi, a member of the ruling Baath Party, resigned on Thursday after the cabinet asked him to step down. New ministers have not yet been announced.

### Tamils seek Indian recognition of separate state

COLOMBO (R) — Thousands of Sri Lankan Tamils in Jaffoa have handed a petition to Indian Red Cross officials, urging India to recognise a separate Tamil state, Jaffna newspapers said Saturday. The Eelanadn and Eelamurasu newspapers said the petition was presented by thousands of people after a march in Jaffna city. Officials from the Indian Red Cross and Indian high commission (embassy) have been in Jaffna since Thursday to help distribute Indian relief supplies to Jaffna Tamils under an agreement with the Sri Lankan government.

## Weinberger begins visit to Japan

TOKYO (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger arrived in Tokyo on Saturday for talks on Japan's new fighter plane, high-tech trade with the Soviet Union and defence issues. In his scheduled meetings with Defence Agency Director-General Yuko Kurihara, Mr. Weinberger is expected to discuss Japan's choice of a new fighter and Tokyo's indirect support for the U.S. presence in the Gulf, the source for about two-thirds of Japan's crude oil originates.

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al system, which the opposition maintains heavily favours the Party Secretary-general Lee Choon-Koo t dd reporters: "It is inconceivable that the change of government in February will be made under the current constitution.' Mr. Chun is due to step down

next February after seven years in office. The central plank of opposition policy is a demand for direct elections to choose his suc-

Violent protests by tens of thousands of people calling for free elections have wracked Seoul and other major cities since June 10, when a DJP national convention endorsed Mr. Chun's handpicked successor, Roh Tae-Woo.

Demonstrations estimated by many to be the largest of the last

on developing Jordanian-Turkish relations and means of further Ankara Radio said the two leaders reviewed the Middle East bolstering them in the interest of the peoples of the two countries. situation as well as defence coop-The King and General Evren, who on Friday supported Joreration between Jordan and

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

ANKARA — His Majesty King Hussein and

Turkish President Kenaan Evren held a

round of talks on Saturday on current

ongoing efforts to convene an international

The Jordan News Agency, Pet- conference on the Arab-Israeli

ra, said that the two leaders, on conflict under U.N. auspices, also

to Turkey, also exchanged views almost seven-year-old Iran-Iraq

LONDON (Agencies) - Britain, protest against alleged Syrian in-

peace conference on the Middle East.

the second day of the King's visit

dan's call for an international

which broke off diplomatic rela-

tions with Syria last year over an

alleged plot to blow up an Israeli

airliner, said Saturday it had no plans to follow a U.S. initiative to

improve relations with

The Foreign Office said Satur-

tlay that Britain had not been

surprised by the U.S. initiative but had no plans to follow suit at

the moment. "No such action is

envisaged," a spokesman said.

proving relations with Syria re-

mained unchanged, he added.

that Syria has ceased to support

U.S. spokesmen said on Friday

that President Ronald Reagan

had sent a letter to Syrian Presi-

dent Hafez Al Assad proposing

talks to overcome the strain be-

tween the two countries and had

already received a "generally

The Foreign Office spokesman

said the move had not surprised

Britain, "We could not have been

as the matter has been thoroughly

discussed," he added, referring to

talks between Mr. Reagan and

British Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher at the Venice summit of

the seven major industrial demo-

London broke off diplomatic

relations with Damascus last

October after an Arab was jailed

by a British court for allegedly trying to blow up an Israeli airlin-

er flying from London's Heath-

SEOUL (Agencies) - After

more than two weeks of violent

protests, South Korea's ruling

party hinted on Saturday that it

may bow to opposition demands

for a more democratic way of

A senior Democratic Justice

Party (DJP) official ruled out the

possibility that President Chun

Doo Hwan's successor would be

chosen under the present elector-

choosing the next president.

The United States withdrew its

terrorism," he said.

positive" answer.

cracies this month.

row airport.

Britain's preconditions for im-

Turkey.

Reagan's move towards Syria

Foreign Office sources, citing

the closure of the Damascus

offices of the guerrilla extremist

Abu Nidal, said Britain wel-

comed recent signals from Syria.

Nidal is the result of successful

Western pressure orchestrated by

the U.K.," a source quoted by Reuter said.

The British government will

discusss the development with its

partners in the European Com-

munity, possibly next month,

declined comment and the media

Saturday ignored reports from

Washington that the United

States was sending a special en-

voy to Syria to discuss American

hostages held in Lebanon and

The state-controlled newspap-

ers and radio did not mention the

U.S. State Department

announcement Friday that an un-

named envoy would travel to

Syria in the next few weeks to

lin Fitzwater said the envoy

would discuss Middle East peace

efforts, terrorism and foreign

hostages in Lebanon. They in-

Syrian officials declined com-

"If they want to send an envoy,

ment on the U.S. special envoy.

he's welcome. It's their decision.

Why should we comment?" said

one official, who did not want to

Seoul ruling party hints at bowing

to demands for electoral reform

U.S. Senate votes for

WASHINGTON (R) - The Sen-

ate voted 74-0 on Saturday to approve a resolution recognising

the need for "free and fair elections" in South Korea. "If the

South Koreans are free to choose

their own government, I believe they will not hesitate to defend it," Senate Foreign Relations

Committee Chairman Claiborne

two weeks spread over dozens of

South Korean cities Friday night.

Much of Seoul's city centre was

littered with tear-gas canisters,

Tear-gas still drifted around

Seoul on Saturday as riot police

kept watch, firing more gas to

disperse small groups of students

A DJP spokesman told Reuters

Under the present constitution,

drafted by Mr. Chun under mar-

tial law in 1980, the president is

chosen indirectly by an electoral

The official said the DJP would everywhere?" he asked.

there was an emerging consensus

in the ruling camp that the new head of state should be picked

under a new voting system.

rocks and petrol bombs.

in the city centre.

Pell said.

Senate Foreign Relations

clude nine Americans.

be named, told AP.

ambassador from Damascus in man Charles Redman Friday said overdue,' page 2.

White House spokesman Mar-

meet with President Assad.

according to the sources.

In Damascus, Syria

other issues.

'Syria's action in expelling Abu

volvement in the plot.

discussed means to end the

Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister international issues with special focus on the Taher Al Masri. On the Turkish side the talks were attended by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, Defence Minister Zeki Yavuzturk and several cabinet members and senior government officials.

The King and Her Majesty Queen Noor were the guests of honour at a luncheon hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ozal on Saturday. In a speech welcoming the

King and Queen, Mr. Ozal paid tribute to the monarch describing him as a historic leader with great experience in international affairs. The Turkish prime minis-The talks were attended on the ter expressed hope that the Britain 'has no plans' to join

that Secretary of State George

Shultz, who just returned to Washington after nearly four

weeks of official visits to Asia and

elsewhere, was consulted and had

approved of the overture to Mr.

But Redman seemed to down-

play the initiative, saying even

after Ambassador William Eagle-

ton was withdrawn from Damas-

cus last year, the United States

has continued to talk with Syria

on such issues as Middle East

peace prospects and hostages.

Washington "lowered its di-

"We've had contact with them

through our charge in Damascus

for some time since our ambassa-

dor was withdrawn and this is

part of a continuing process of

dialogue with the Syrian govern-

"This envoy is a one-time step.

I think you should look at it more

in that context than in some sort

Like Fitzwater, Redman re-

Redman denied the decision to

fused to specify what changes in

Syrian behaviour prompted the

send the envoy was connected with recent Syrian efforts to

obtain the release of U.S. hos-

tages held by fundamentalists in

Lebanon. "There is no linkage."

department's list of countries that

opposition Reunification Demo-

of replacing the electoral college system, which opponents say can

be nigged by the ruling camp.

The RDP, founded by top dis-

sidents Kim Young-Sam and Kim

Dae-Jung, has said it would

boycott any presidential election

under the present system, demanding Mr. Chun's successor be

chosen through a popular vote.

on Wednesday, Mr. Chan said he was lifting his April 13 ban on debate about electoral reform.

But he did not clarify whether his

successor would be chosen under

The RDP accused Mr. Chun of

"I don't think martial law

would be effective. How can the

military control so many people

a new system during his term.

trying to buy time by making

In talks with Kim Young-Sam

He said Syria remained on the

of lifting of some overall policy,"

plomatic representation (but) we

tions," he said.

ment," he said.

he added.

Reagan letter.

support "terrorism."

U.S. State Department spokes- U.S. overture to Syria is 'long

'free elections' in S. Korea cratic Party (RDP) to find a way



King's visit to Turkey would contribute to further strengthening Jordanian-Turkish relations and cooperation.

In a reply speech, the King voiced appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him and the delegation accompanying on his visit and expressed satisfaction with the level of relations with the two countries.

Earlier, the prime minister of Turkey and his wife paid a courtesy call on the King and Queen. Mr. Rifai and Mr. Ozal held a separate meeting on Saturday. They discussed Jordanian-Tur-

OPEC

reaches

defend

current

prices

Saturday.

VIENNA (Agencies) — The

Organisation of Petroleum Ex-

porting Countries (OPEC) has

reached agreement to limit pro-

duction this year to defend its \$18

per barrel oil price. Indonesia:

Energy Minister Subroto said

Mr. Subroto told reporters

OPEC was to issue a final state-

ment later Saturday after three

days of meetings. "A final com-munique has been drafted

Iranian Oil Minister Gholam-

reza Aqazadeh said the group agreed to accept a ceiling of 16.6

million barrels per day (bpd) up

to the end of the year, a com-

promise between its radical wing

The ministers were speaking

and more moderate bloc.

already," he told reporters.

accord to

kish relations and means to further promote bilateral cooperation. Queen Noor visited the Ataturk Orphanage in Ankara on Saturday. She toured the orphanage and was briefed on its activities. The Queen was also briefed on various aspects of Turkish culture.

Following the lunch given by Mr. Ozal, the Jordanian delegation toured a factory producing F-16 fighter planes for the Tur-

Turkey has been keen to win foreign warplane servicing contracts for the plant, Reuter said.

## 8 face subversion charge in Kuwait

trial here Saturday accused of seeking to topple the govern-

charged with obstructing attempts to arrest one of six nationals sentenced to death three weeks ago for sabotage at an oil plant last June and January. Diplomats said it was not clear

what sentences Saturday's accused faced if found guilty, mainly because of their ages.

The first seven, including three minors of whom one is still at large, were accused in the state security court of "inciting the overthrow of the country's regime by unlawful and violent means," the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said.

The defendants, aged 17 to 25 and mostly students, are accused of spreading their message in pamphlets distributed last April and May.

before what was expected to be the final plenary session of the conference at the OPEC head-Independent analysts in Vienna said they believed the agreelast November to hang.

ment was likely to succeed in keeping oil prices steady, at least through the summer. Fawzi Shakshuki, the Libyan oil minister, said earlier there were "no obstacles." Sources in other delegations, however, said Kuwait had raised

objections, based on its fear that the new production target was so low that prices might rise above \$18 a barrel.

Kuwait and some other Gulf members of OPEC want prices to stay level for a longer period in order to encourage a long-term revival in world oil demand.

Mr. Subroto said the agree-ment called for a scaled-back increase in the group's produc-tion ceiling for the second half of the year.

Mr. Subroto said Iraq was not expected to sign the deal, although the overall production target of 16.6 million barrels a day for the July-December period would include a national quota

for Iraq.

OPEC's current production limit, due to expire June 30, is 15.8 million barrels a day. Because some members are exceeding their assigned quotas, the actual total is estimated at about 17 million barrels daily.

cosmetic gestures. They deman-The Baghdad government has ded an immediate referendum to refused to participate in OPEC decide on a new form of governproduction-sharing deals since the current system was adopted Kim Dae-Jung said Saturday last December. It says it will not cooperate with its OPEC partners that military intervention or maruntil they agree to its demand for tial law cannot quash the struggle production equality with Iran. for greater democracy in South

Iran contends it must have a bigger share than Iraq, based on such criteria as national population, historical production rates and oil reserves.

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Six Kuwaitis and a foreigner went on Eight other Kuwaitis were

They also stand accused of slandering the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who in May 1985 survived a car-bomb attack for which an Iraqi was sentenced Eight Kuwaiti men, aged 20 to

35 and mostly public sector employees, went on trial on Saturday accused of obstructing the corre of justice and attacking secuity men in a riot last January 30, during which a policeman was shot and injured.

The disturbance took place as police tried to cordon off the home of one of those sentenced to death three weeks ago. He is

## Bomb explodes in Haifa injuring two

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A dozens of Arabs and evacuated bomb exploded Saturday near a the beach where they searched crowded beach in the northern for more explosives.

port of Haifa, injuring a woman The last bomb attack in Haifa and her seven-year-old son, was in April 1980, but no-one was injured in that incident. Saturday's explosion occurred

The woman was taken to hospital suffering serious injuries but at 9:30 a.m. at the Carmel Beach, her son was only slightly hurt.

Police said they had arrested beaches in the city of 225,000.

## Iranian gunboats attack 2 tankers off Saudi coast

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran ended its five-week break in attacks on merchant vessels in the raids on two supertankers off Saudi Arabia. The raids, after fresh Iraqi

attempts to cripple Iran's oil lifeline, came as Washington said the battleship Missouri would deploy off Iran in August to deter any attacks on U.S. vessels. The "tanker war" upsurge fol-

lows an Iranian warning that Tehran is ready to confront the United States in the Gulf. Gulf-based shipping sources

said five crewmen were injured in the attacks on the two supertankers, which were hit before dawn off Saudi Arabia within about one hour of each other. The chief engineer was serious-

ly injured and two other crewmen less badly hurt when missiles fired from two fast launches hit the 224,604-tonne Norwegian ship Mia Margrethe and set the engine room ablaze.

Earlier reports from shipping sources said the chief engineer had died of his injuries. But they later said he had been ferried by helicopter to hospital in Saudi

Less than an hour later, as the Mia Margrethe burned, Iranian gunboats swept out of the darkness to hit the Stena Concordia about 32 kilometres off the Saudi coast, shipping executives reported.

At least two crewmen, and possibly four, were slightly wounded aboard the Liberianflag tanker, the executives said.

Damage was described as minor. The shipping officials believe the gunboats darted out from the small Iranian island of Farsiyah in the central sector of the Gulf to

launch their strikes. It is the first time that the Iranians have hit two ships within an hour of each other since the start of the so-called "tanker war," an offshoot of the Iran-Iraq conflict, in February 1984.

Saudi Arabian vessels rushed to aid the Mia Margrethe after its captain radioed a distress signal. They helped the Norwegians put out the fire that blazed for several hours.

The tanker was partially loaded with 90,290 tonnes of Kuwaiti crude and was heading for Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura terminal to lift more oil. The Stena Concordia was en route for Kuwait when

Four merchant vessels have also hit mines off Kuwait since May 16. Shipping sources believe Gulf on Saturday with gunboat the mines were laid by Iran to disrupt Kuwait's oil exports.

Kuwait, a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Oatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), backs Iraq in its war with Iran.

The Mia Margrethe was hit some 100 kilometres north of Ras Tanura, where it had been heading with oil from the "neutral zone" shared by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The attacks ended a five-week lull in Iranian raids on Gulf shipping. The last confirmed Iranian attack, also by Swedish-built launches, damaged a Qatari car-

go vessel on May 22. Tension in the Gulf was heightened on May 17 when Iraq crip-pled the U.S. frigate Stark with two air-fired missiles that killed 37 crew. Baghdad said it was an

accident. Iran, which says Gulf shipping will be safe if Iraq halts its attacks, hit the supertankers on Saturday after Iraq resumed strikes on June 20 for the first

me since the raid on S The flare-up in the tanker war came amid rising tension in the Gulf as the first of 11 Kuwaiti tankers registered in the United

States to give them the protection of the American flag were expected in the waterway early next month. The Iranians have been con-

centrating on Kuwaiti tankers in their ship attacks in recent -months. Kuwait has also chartered

three tankers from Moscow to carry its oil exports under the protection of the Soviet flag. The Soviet vessels and the reflagged tankers will be escorted by Soviet and U.S. warships now

patrolling the strategic waterway. The Iranians have escalated their threats against Kuwait and the superpowers, particularly the United States. Tehran, which has rebuffed fresh U.N. attempts to end the Gulf war, warned Washington on

Friday that any bloodshed it caused in the Gulf would unleash a "river of blood." Iran's chief defence spokesman

and parliamentary speaker, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, quoted by Tehran Radio, said (Continued on page 3)

## Iraq says Iranian push thwarted and strategic peaks recaptured Baghdad's Iraqi News Agency

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said Saturday its forces had beaten back three assaults by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in the mountains of northeast Iraq and recaptured strategic peaks, killing at least 1,000 Iranian But Iran said the Revolution-

ary Guards mauled several brigades of Iraq's elite troops in fierce night battles and had advanced into Iraqi territory in a two-pronged offensive.

Tehran's Islamic Republic News Agency charged that Iraqi warplanes dropped chemical bombs in an apparent effort to blunt the latest Iranian push in the six-and-a-half-year-old Gulf

The fighting in the rugged Kurdistan mountains, where the Iramans and their Kurdish guerrilla allies have been escalating attacks in recent weeks, appeared to be intense, with both sides reporting INA has said Iraqi troops of the First, Second and Fourth army corps recaptured three ridges during the night. Three other peaks stormed by the Iranians seven Iraqi warplanes have been were reported retaken Friday.

But IRNA claimed Saturday that tank-led human wave counter-attacks by Iraqi commandos and Presidential Guards units were repulsed in the mountains during the night.

It said thousands of Iraqis were killed or wounded in a counterattack Friday aimed at recapturing the garrison town of Mawat.

The Iranians claimed they seized the town a week ago in the northern prong of the offensive through the Kurdistan mountains that lie at the northern end of the 1.180-kilometre front.

Iraq said Friday its forces decimated 40 of an estimated 70 regiments of Revolutionary

Guards opposing them. Baghdad Radio reported that of enemy troops."

the bodies of hundreds of dead Iranians littered the mountain

IRNA quoted military communiques in Tehran as saying shot down in the last 48 hours by anti-aircraft fire north of Penjwin inside Iraq and that more than 800 Iraqis had been killed in the

southern sector of the offensive. INA quoted an Iraqi military spokesman as denying that any of

its jets had been downed. The deployment of the presidential guards underlined how seriously the Iraqis viewed the fighting. The crack units are usually held in reserve and committed in battle when the Iraqi army is being hard pressed by the

The Iraqi agency reported that the people of Sulaimaniyeh took to the streets Saturday to celebrate Iraq's "decisive victory... and the annihilation of thousands

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# Soviets to consider helping clear sea mines off Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — The Soviet ambassador to Kuwait was quoted Saturday as saying Moscow would consider any request to help clear sea mines off the coast of the Arab emirate.

Ambassador Ernest Zverev told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan that the Soviet Union, which had leased three tankers to Kuwait, reserved the right to take all steps needed to protect its civilian vessels in the Gulf.

He said Kuwait had not so far approached the Kremlin for help to clear mines, which Gulf shipping sources believe have been laid by Iran to disrupt the emirate's vital oil exports.
But he added, "if Kuwait seeks

any help or participation in removal of mines, the concerned authorities in our government will discuss this."

Eighteen U.S. naval experts joined the Kuwaiti navy this week to check for mines in the narrow deep-sea channel leading from the bub of the emirate's oil export operations at Ahmadi, after four tankers were holed in five weeks by mines.

The U.S. mine specialists have been charged with only search and check duties, with no responsibility for clearing operations, political sources said.

The United States does not have any anti-mine vessels in the Gulf but three Soviet minesweepers were reported heading for the area after the Soviet tanker Marshall Chuykov hit a mine on May

It was one of the Soviet vessels leased by Kuwait to help keep its oil shipments moving amid sustained Iranian attacks on shipping serving the emirate because of Kuwaiti support for its enemy

Mr. Zverev said the charter agreement was an economic deal. This agreement does not contain any political privilege," he

> Murphy warns of Soviet expansion

Meanwhile a senior U.S. administration official, defending President Ronald Reagan's policy aimed at ending the conflict between Iraq and Iran, warned on June 25 of possible Soviet expansion in the Gulf.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, speaking to members of the Foreign Policy Association, said that "an expansion of Soviet influence and presence in the Gulf would be a major strategic setback, which would be difficult — if not impossible — to reverse."

Outlining details of the Reagan administration's current efforts in the Gulf, Mr. Murphy said: "We consider that since the Soviet Union, in contrast to the free

oil, their long-term objective is to gain political influence at our

He asked rhetorically: "Do we want the Soviet Union at some point holding hostage the strategic sea lanes of the Persian Gulf? Will American interests be served if the Soviets or an Iranian regime hostile to the U.S. determine who has access to Gulf oil?"

He asserted that most Americans recognised that U.S. interests in the region were long-standing. The U.S. has maintained a naval presence in the Gulf since 1949.

In reply to a questioner, Mr. Murphy dismissed any suggestions that American efforts currently underway in the U.N. Security Council to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end were

"It is not a sham effort," he asserted. "Iraq has accepted every effort to get a ceasefire, and the resolution has been crafted to meet some of the Iranian needs. There is an effort to get the Iranians on board."

However, if Iran refuses to accept the resolution, the U.S. position is that a second stage should call for an international arms embargo. Recently, Iran has obtained and tested the Chinese Silkworm missile, which has a range of approximately 50 miles. The Strait of Hormuz, at its narrowest point, is only 35 miles wide.

## 2 Stark officers said to face courts martial Capt. Brindel, Lt. Moncrief,

WASHINGTON (R) — A navy board has recommended the captain of the U.S. frigate Stark and his weapons officer face courts martial for failing to defend the ship against a missile attack by an Iraqi warplane, the Washington Post said Saturday.

Thirty-seven U.S. sailors were killed and the Stark was badly damaged when two Exocet missiles from the Iraqi Mirage aircraft struck the frigate during the May 17 attack in the Gulf.

The Post, quoting what it said were authoritative sources, said Capt. Glenn Brindel, and Lieutenant Basil Moncrief, the tactical action officer who was in charge of the ship's combat centre, will face courts martial if recommendations by a navy investigative board under Rear Admiral Grant Sharp are carried out.

and the Stark's second in command, Lieutenant Commander Raymond Gaian were replaced in their posts last week and ordered home from Bahrain where the Stark is being repaired.

The Post said the board recommended non-judicial action, such as a reprimand, for Lieutenant-Commander Gajan.

Possible charges against Capt. Brindel and Lt. Moncrief listed in the report were said to include failure to warn away the Iraqi pilot when he approached the Stark, and lack of defensive action by the ship's various sophisticated weapons systems when the frigate appeared in danger of 

The Post also said it had learned from Pentagon sources bombers and 30 Silkworm missiles to Iraq.

The U.S. administration has claimed that China has already sent 30 Silkworms to Iraq's enemy, Iran, to be installed on land bases commanding the Strait of Hormuz, at the entrance to the

The land-based Silkworms have a range of about 80 kilometres, while those supplied to Iraq are believed designed for launching from the Badger bombers with a range of about 96 kilometres.

The missiles are considered by U.S. officials as a major threat to hipping from the countries of the Gulf and have increased congressional concern over a Reagan administration plan to start escorting 11 Kuwani-owned tank ers flying the American flag through the Gulf.

Ash Shiraa earlier reported some of the 10 Americans believed kidnapped in Lebanon had been moved to Iran.

Hamadei.'

Iran denied the story and Hizbollah repeatedly denied any connection with the kidnapping of foreigners.

The Iranian embassy in Beirut said Saturday it has no knowledge of the reported presence in Tehran of two senior officials of Hizbollah to testify against American hostages.

"The embassy denies any knowledge of this report," a spokesman said. He declined to be named.

## Bonn 'has no plans' to change position in dealing with occupied territories

By Salameh Ne'matt Jordan Times staff reporter

Glass knew

too much

hijackers,

paper says

BEIRUT (R) — A prominent Beirut magazine suggested U.S. journalist Charles Glass was kid-

napped in Lebanon last week

because he knew too much about

the hijackers of a TWA airliner.

Ash Shiraa, a pro-Syrian publication which broke the U.S.

arms-for-hostages scandal, said the former ABC Television cor-

respondent had kept close con-

tact with the hijackers, who were

members of the pro-Iranian Hiz-

It said the kidnapping of Glass,

seized off the street in Beirut on

June 17, coincided with prepara-

tions to try Mohammad Ali

Hamadei in West Germany for

possession of explosives and for

murder and air piracy during the

U.S. navy diver Robert

Stethem, a passenger on the

plane, was shot dead by one of

"This journalist held enough

"He managed to remain in

information in pictures and in

memory about all the hijackers,"

contact with them, take pictures

for them and invite some of them

for lunch and swimming at the Summerland Beach Hotel."

Ash Shiraa added: "German

security authorities believe that

Hamadei is very well known to

West Germany on Wednesday

announced it had turned down a

U.S. request for extradition of

Hamadei to face trial for

Stethem's murder. Two West

Germans were abducted in Beirut

within a week's of Hamadei's

Ash Shiraa said two Hizbollah

men who masterminded the hi-

jack had travelled to Iran. It

named them as Abdul Hadi

Hamadei, brother of the detained

kidnapping of Glass, the trial of

Hamadei and the travel of the

two Hizbollah men to Tehran?"

It said the two Hizbollah men

would "give information on the

American hostages who were

moved to Iran and coordinate

with Iran about the trial of

Ash Shiraa asked.

"Is there any link between the

man, and Imad Mughniyeh.

arrest and are still held.

said the weekly Ash Shiraa.

1985 TWA hijack to Beirut.

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AMMAN — The Federal Republic of Germany has no plans to change its position in dealing with the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem through its embassy here, Ambassador Herwig Bar-tels told the Jordan Times

"I don't see no reason why our present position should change,"
Mr. Bartels said. "It is a political decision that we share with the rest of the Western World."

The ambassador was responding to a press report published in Israel last week, suggesting there had been a change in his attitude vis-a-vis keeping a traditionally low profile presence during frequent visits he makes from Amman to the occupied territories. Unlike most Western countries, West Germany has no consulate in Jerusalem and its embassy in Tel Aviv does not handle occupied territories affairs.

The report, published in the June 19 issue of the Jerusalem Post, quoted circles close to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek as suggesting that foreign minister Shimon Peres take up this matter when he meets West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in

The Israeli foreign minister reportedly met with Mr. Kohl Saturday but it was not immediately known whether the issue was raised during their talks.

The article described West Germany's diplomatic structure in the Jewish state as an 'anachronistic arrangement" and a "unique situation." But it said a including the United States which formal reception by Mr. Bartels maintains intimate and special



Herwig Bartels

at the offices of the German provost at the Lutheran Church East Jerusaiem marked "an apparent change in this attitude." Mr. Bartels said that since the restructuring of our diplomatic

services" in Israel, West German ambassadors to Amman, who have traditionally dealt with the occupied territories through the Amman embassy, "never deal with Israeli officials." Most countries that do not have consulates in Jerusalem maintain contacts with West Bank and East Jerusalem Arabs through their embassies in Tel Aviv.

The Jerusalem Post article contended that "Bonn seems to be aware of this unusual situation,' but that "nothing is being done about it."

West Germany is one of the largest donors to West Bank development projects, increasing its contribution from DM 7 million to .DM 12 million for this year. Most of the world community,

relations with the Jewish state, refuse to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital and are supporters of a United Nations Resolution calling for its withdrawal from all territories it occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war which includes Arab East Jerusalem. Most countries maintain their embassies in Tel Aviv.

The West German ambassador said there was "nothing special" about a reception he held in East Jerusalem last week in his capacity as ambassador to Jordan.

Since we are involved in the West Bank, we constantly visit the projects we are financing and meet the people involved in these projects," Mr. Bartels said. The dinner reception which he described as a social event was meant to thank all of these people who have "victimised me with their overwhelming hospitality." He said nearly 150 people enjoyed "nice German speciali-

Several countries who contribute to West Bank Development Project, namely European Community states, have repeatedly complained from restrictions and constraints imposed by the Israeli authorities on the financing and execution of development pro-The burden of these constraints

have already cast a dark shadow over the prospects and feasibility of a development plan for the occupied territories that would be under the mercy of Israeli milit-

Despite "practical problems" that result from not having a consulate in Jerusalem, Mr. Bartels said, "I feel privileged to serve in the occupied territories. As a matter of fact," he added, "I love Jerusalem.

U.S. judge refuses to drop Arab deportation

case LOS ANGELES (AP) - A judge has refused to drop a deportation case against eight alleged members of a Palestinian group, but agreed to postpone their arraignments.

Immigration Judge Ingrid K. Hrycenko said she would accept briefs of July 6 from lawyers representing the seven Arabs and one Kenyan

Esmeralda Cabrera, associate general counsel for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS), objected to the post-

ponement. The judge gave INS lawyers until July 16 to respond to the briefs, and scheduled a July 23

hearing to render a decision. The government claims the eight are members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales tine (PFLP), one of the factions in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The defendants have denied the allegations.

On May 11, Ms. Hrycenko dismissed the case because of what she called a defective INS. order for the eight to show cause why they should not be deported.

The INS then filed an identical order. Lawyer Mark Rosenbaum of the American Civil Liberties Union told Ms. Hrycenko on Friday that after the May 11 court ex-

change, he heard Ms. Cabrera

say: "She fell for it. This worked

better than we thought." Ms. Hrycenko asked Ms. Cabrera if the government deliberately subverted a court order. 'No. your honour," Ms. Cabrera said,

## U.S. overture to Syria 'is long overdue' Khuli, whose aide was said to

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's proposed new highlevel talks with Syria are long overdue and are an admission the U.S. policy of shunning this strategically key state cannot long be sustamed, private analysts

"I think (Syrian President Hafez) Al Assad has shown you can't ignore him." said Thomas: McNaugher, a Middle East ex alleged complicity with Nizar bert with the Brookings Institu- : Hindawi, an Arab convicted by

"He is a brilliant spoiler. You cannot proceed on a variety of fronts in the Middle East without at least opening a door" to Damascus, McNaugher told Reu-

expert with Georgetown University's Centre for Strategic and International Studies, agreed.

"The idea we can isolate and ignore Syria without paying a price is naive," she said.

White House and State Debriefings for reporters, Friday discussed the issue with apparent in "facing terrorism." reluctance and in the vague terms after the story of Mr. Reagan's believe that there was enough

overture was broken by ABC Television.

They confirmed Mr. Reagan had sent a letter to Mr. Assad proposing talks aimed at improving relations, adding Mr. Assad had already replied and that the response was "generally posi-The United States has had no

ambassador in Damascus since last October when .the envoy, William Eagleton, was recalled to "express outrage" over Syria's Britain of attempting to bomb an El Al Airplane.

In November, Mr. Reagan imposed sanctions on Syria — a charter member since 1979 of the U.S. list of "terrorist nations" and the Soviet Union's closest Shireen Hunter, a Middle East ally in the Middle East - including a prohibition on high-level contacts between U.S. and Syrian officials.

White House Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Mr. Reagan sought the talks as part of new U.S. approaches in the Middle partment spokesmen, in separate East and because of Syrian moves, including unspecified help

"In a number of these areas we

change in their attitude to suggest that a dialogue might be productive," he said.

"their involvement in Lebanon itself, their help in terrorist activi-

partment spokesman Charles Redman refused to be more specific about what changes in behaviour prompted Mr. Reagan's tions of help in terrorist sitts anything said could have a negations, was all Mr. Fizzwater ive impact on 10 Americans and

## **NEWS ANALYSIS**

- There has been no evidence of Syrian involvement in terrorism since the Hindawi affair.

under control.

- It moved out of the intelli-

have recruited Hindawi for the El Al Airplane bombing. - And it closed the Damascus

offices of Abu Nidal, which the United States has called "the most active and brutal international terrorist group operating U.S. officials, who asked not to

be identified, said the administration was deliberately providing few details because it feared that Lebanon by Muslim extremists.

The kidnappings of Westerners seemed to abate after Syria moved 7,000 troops into Beingt last February in an effort to end sectarian fighting. They resumed when American journalist Charles Glass was taken hostage:

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gence service Major General Al. its seven-year war against Iraq.

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## TEL AVIV (AP) - Three men had been stolen. Shortly after an orange grove, the spokesman in a stolen car tried to kidnap an Zeidberg got into the car the said.

Israeli soldier hitchhiking to his base, the army command said Saturday. The soldier, Uri Zeidberg, 20, from West Jerusalem, was picked

up in a white Subaru bearing distinctive orange and black Israeli licence plates, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity in keeping with army regula-

ons. in the leg, before the car over-turned. The three men fled into

3 men try to kidnap Israeli soldier three men pulled out knives and tried to stab him and steal his

assault rifle, the spokesman said. Zeidberg struggled with his assailants and either jumped or fell out of the car, the spokesman

The driver tried to run over Zeidberg and managed to hit him

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Zeidberg reached an army base and was taken from there to Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel

Israeli security forces on foot and using helicopters searched for the three men. Soldiers arrested two men for questioning based on Zeidberg's description but later released them, the spokesman said.

**TODAY'S EVENTS** 

\* An art exhibition by Omar Basoul at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18).

\* A Fine Arts exhibition by /Johnlah Mansour at the Royal Cultural Centre (antil July 3)

"Posters on French song and non-stop video concerts at the French Cultural Centre (until July 1).

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**EXHIBITIONS** 

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Univ. of Jordan Library ..... **MUSEUMS** 

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Folldore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th contrries) The Roman Theatre. Amcenturies). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a

collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-19th Century orientatist arises, minima-zah, Jabal Liweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Assuran Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club, Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amnon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Retary Club. Meetings
every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn,
1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

**CHURCHES** 

man, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammaciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Charch (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic).
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Ammunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Angilean Charch (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331. 637440. Tel. 771331. Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafich, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751.

Annuan International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern
Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel.
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67/334. Evangelieal Latheran Church, Am-man, Arabic Service: Sunday 7:00 p.m. Rainbow Congregation, English Ser-vice: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Rev. N. Smir, Tel. 93/36.

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WEATHER Bulletin supplied by the Department of

It will be fair, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaha, winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea. Min./max. temp. 14 / 29 Aqaba ..... Deserts ...... Jordan Valley Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Agaba 36, Humidity readings: Amman 30 per cent, Aqaba 20 per He said the changes included

Mr. Fitzwater and State De-

However, Yahya Sadowski, a Middle East expert with the Brookings Institution, cited four said could be regarded favourably by Washington:

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last week. U.S. officials, on and off the record, insisted the letter to Mr. Assad was in the works long before Glass' kidnapping and that the issues Washington wants to

process and the Gulf war. . Syria has been an ally of Iran in

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# Panel on Palestinian Arab refugees opens today

AMMAN (Petra) - Israel's colonisation of occupied Arab terri-tory, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UN-RWA) assistance to the Palestinian refugees will be the main topics of a conference involving Arab countries and organisations involved with the refugee

The conference is scheduled to

open in Amman today.

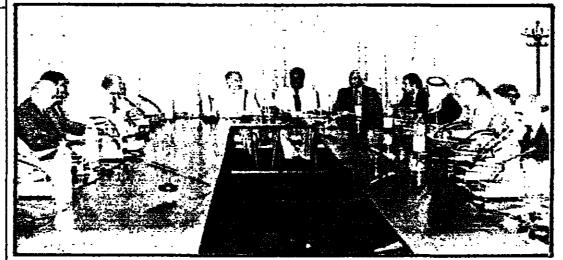
An announcement said that delegates from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, the Arab League and the Arab League's Educathe U.S. tional. Scientific and Cultural ralisant Organisation (ALESCO) will disralisation to cuss these issues along with read to the he solutions of earlier meetings dur-

ing their week long meeting start-

ing on Sunday.

Jordan, Lebanon and Syria are the primary countries hosting Palestinian refugees. Their meeting in Amman will be the 39th and will be devoted to subjects concerning Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied Arab lands.

The Cabinet had earlier formed Jordan's delegation to the conference. It will be led by Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, under secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs. It will also include Mr. Usama Tahboub, director of refugees affairs, Dr. Nour Dajani, director of social services, and Mr. Mousa Atef.



The delegation from the American-Arab Affairs Council, headed by former U.S. senators Mr. Charles Percy and Mr. George McGovern, meets with the Lower House of Parliament's Foreign

Affairs Committee on Saturday. The committee's chairman, Mr. Rezq Al Batayneh (centre), briefs the delegation on Jordan's efforts to hold an international peace conference (Petra photo)

## Jerash Festival promises to be int'l cultural extravaganza

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Offering tourists, archaeologists and scholars thousands of years of history all year round, the ancient Greco-Roman city of Jerash will be offer-Koman cry or recess no of thousands of thousands of thousands of thousands defective is from July 8 to 31. spectators a cultural extravaganza

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Begun in 1980, the Jerash Cultural Festival has become a landmark in Jordan's cultural life. The festival is not only Jordanian, it is an international festival Liberiest held in Jordan and organised by

nko on Fig. Jordanians," said Michael y 11 com: Hamarneh, under secretary of Ms. Care the Ministry of Information. . This work At a press conference held at the ministry, Saturday, Mr. sked Ms. 6. Hamarneh outlined the preparaent delice tions made by the festival's Highn order & er National Committee, chaired Cabien by Her Majesty Queen Noor, and explained the performances that

weeks of festivities. He said that 550 performers from 17 countries have been inwas wit: vited to attend the sixth Jerash dawi for the Festival.

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Majesty Queen Noor.

Hussein Foundation (NHF)

announced that it will orga-

nise a 10-day Arab Children's

Conference in Jordan to open on

July 2 under the patronage of Her

It said in a statement that

will be staged during the three

From Spain, Maria Rosa, a famous flamenco dancer and her troupe will stage a vivid show, while the Caracalla Dance Theatre, one of the leading Arat. dancing groups, will present Eastern heritage in a ballet form of

The Soviet Union, reknown for its ballet dance, will send the Moscow State Ballet Theatre, one of the most distinguished groups of modern ballet.

Yet another ballet will be part of the programme, but this time from the West. Adolph Adam's Romantic ballet, "Giselle," will be performed on the opening night by the London City Ballet, who were last in Jordan for the 1985 Jerash Festival.

Several folklore troupes from Egypt, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Syria and Tunisia, will display an array of rich and colourful traditional dances.

Two groups from the United States will present different forms of art. The Young Strings in Action will play a joint concert with students of Jordan's National Music Conservatory. A new musical about the adventures of Aladdin and his magic lamp will be performed by the Empire State Institute Group.

Dureid Lahham, and wellknown Syrian actor, will act in a play written by Mohammad Maghout called, "Shakaek Al Nu man." Another Arab performer, Romeo Lahhoud, will re-vive the memories of Lebanese nights as he sings with Salwa Qatrib.

Italy and Poland will stage two shows, in which puppets, not humans, are the main attraction. China will present traditional acrobatic acts, such as "hand-

stands on stacked chairs," "lion dance," and "plate spinning." On the local level, there will be close to 30 groups performing, Mr. Hamarneh said.

Four prominent folklore groups were chosen to display Jordanian heritage. They will include the Fuhais Music Group, who will present Muwashahat (Andalusian) and folklore songs; the Royal Jordanian Folklore Troupe, who will display the traditional dances, songs and costumes from various regions of the

A group formed by the Association of Jordanian Musicians, Al Nagam Al Arabi Group, the Yarmouk University Group, the Radio Jordan Orchestra, and the Jordanian Armed Forces Band, will also present traditional Jordanian and oriental music and

In addition, the festival will include three Arabic children plays: "Amo Amin," "Tree of Wisdom" and "the dancing butterflies." An adaption of the famous play, "Barber of Baghdad," will also be performed.

All the shows will be held in either the Southern, Sound and Light, or Artemis theatres at Jerash.

Mr. Hamarneh noted that two additional gates have been opened in order to facilitate crowds entering and exiting from

Makeshift theatres and facilities for the performers, platforms, restaurants and other services have already been set up. One company, Al Diwan, has been assigned to supervise catering, cleanliness, price, weight and continuity of the food, he said.

Mr. Hamarneh estimated that the festival has cost between JD 250,000 and 300,000. The entrance fees to the shows range between JD 1 to 6.

He added that the shows and the festival as a whole are not profit seeking. "We want to encourage culture exchange and understanding."

The activities will not stop after July 31. According to Mr. Hamarneh: "In September, at a theatre festival, we hope to have British Company perform a Shakespearean play, and in November, a folklore group from Egypt, Al Ridah, will be coming to Jordan."

He explained that the Arab poets will not take part in the Jerash Festival this year because "a poetic festival will be held for Arab writers and playwrights in the Arab World later this year.'

In conclusion, Mr. Hamarneh said that this festival has helped to promote Arab art and given it a chance to appear on the international level. "We hope this festival will project pan-Arab culture to the East and West," he said. (See programme, p. 5)

## Iraq to buy \$4m worth of eggs

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — Jordan is to sell table eggs to Iraq worth \$4 million from now until the end of the year, in accordance with an agreément signed here Saturday.

Mr. Suleiman Irteimeh, president of the Jordan Society for the Production and Marketing of Eggs (JSPME) signed the agreedirector general of the Iraqi company for food supplies. The signing of the agreement followed talks held in Baghdad over the past few days.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

## Percy, McGovern assail U.S. inertia on peace conference

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — A delegation from the Washingtonbased American-Arab Affairs Council (AAAC), including former U.S. senators, Mr. Charles Percy and George McGovern, concluded a visit to Jordan by calling on the United States to take a more active role in the search for Middle East peace and voicing support for Jordan's call for an international Middle East peace conference.

"I support King Hussein's position on a peace conference involving the United Nations Security Council," said Mr. Percy, a Republican and former U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman.

Mr. Percy and Mr. McGovern. one time Democratic presidential nominee, are heading the delegation which has been received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein to discuss the Middle East situation.

"The King wants the United States to take an active, constructive role." Mr. Percy said. "U.S. influence is essential to bring about the conditions for swapping land for peace," Mr. Percy added.

Mr. McGovern joined Mr. Percy in calling on Washington to take a more active role in the

Mr. McGovern, in a meeting with Mr. Rezq Al Batayneh, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, said a large

sector of the American public believes that the U.S. policy with regard to the Middle East is totally biased towards Israel. 'We will do all that we can to bring about a change in this policy and to make it more balanced and truly expressing the princi-ples and the position of the American people," Mr. McGovern was quoted as saying

by the Jordan News Agency, Mr. McGovern also paid tribute to King Hussein and said that Jordan enjoys respect in the United States thanks to King Hussein's balanced policies and h., genuine endeavours for

"King Hussein is well-known in the U.S. congress as a moderate leader in the Middle East and this is a great asset for Jordan which has been able to attain an important position within the world community," Mr. McGovern

Mr. Percy was quoted by Petra

peace in the Middle East region inless the Palestinians are given their legitimate rights in their homeland and allowed to set up their state within a confederation with Jordan."

The former senator was quoted as telling Mr. Batayneh that the AAAC has supported King Hussein's call for an international Middle East peace conference and will continue efforts to enlist support for such a conference

from the American public. Mr. Percy said that he had always supported the Arab cause when he was chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and that he has been critical of the present administration's policies with regard to the Middle East.

"I also condemned Israel's invasion of South Lebanon and adhere strongly to my position despite Zionist pressures and defamation campaign which led to losing my seat in the Senate, Mr. Percy said at the meeting which was attended by the Lower House's secretary general.

The AAAC delegation also met with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin, Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahhab Al Majali, and Minister of Information Mohammad Khatib.

Mr. Percy met separately with Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud to discuss U.S. assistance

as saying that "there can be no Bahrain and after that to Egypt.

## American-Arab council works for even-handed U.S. Mideast policy Times, both Mr. Nayfeh and Mr. born in the town of Ailoun.

By Lamis Andoni Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Accompanying the two former U.S. senators, Mr. Charles Percy and Mr. George McGovern, on their tour of Jordan, have been a delegation from the American-Arab Affairs Council (AAAC).

Included in the delegation is the AAAC president, Dr. George Nayfeh, Mr. Kinsley van R. Day, a prominent American businessman and politician. Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke, the president of Marchall University, and Mr. Craig Thibaudeau, the director of programmes for the AAAC. In an interview with the Jordan

Thibaudeau said that the present tour is aimed at "acquainting the leaders and the people in the Arab World with the work of the

Mr. Nayfeh, who founded the AAAC in 1979, said that the council hoped "to redirect the American public opinion" vis-a-vis the Arab World. He stressed, however, that the AAAC considers itself "a pro-Amrican lobby which seeks to serve the American national interests."

"We do not think that the best interests of America are served through the present American Mr. Nayfeh, whose father was two press reviews.

He explained that the council seeks to achieve its objectives through rectifying the misconception about the Arab World and its problems in the U.S. and by lobbying for the support of influential American personalities. including former American officials, academics and the leaders of public opinion in the U.S.

The AAAC activities include holding conferences and lectures, in which Arab leaders are invited to convey their views to the American public, the publication of Arab-American Affairs, a quarterly which includes articles policy in the Middle East," said by Middle East specialists, and

## WHO conference studies ways to combat malaria

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Saturday called for international and off cooperation for stemming the e letter my danger of malaria through primwork ary health care and preventive pring mit measures to fend off the infec-

tious disease. Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh made the call in a speech opening a regional symposium on combating malaria organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), in cooperation with the Health Ministry.

He said that to stem malaria a study should be made of the pesticides used in fighting the disease and techniques employed in combating malaria should be promoted.

The cost of pesticides should be reduced to enable most of the countries of the developing world to purchase sufficient quantities The conference includes

between the ages of 10 and 13,

and for taking them around the

Kingdom to visit places of in-

among other activities a symposium and folk performances depicting national traditions and dances from various Arab counprogrammes lave been worked "tries represented in the 10-day out for entertaining the children "affair.

for use in combatting the disease,

He said that Jordan has been

able to control the disease and

not a single case appeared in the

The WHO representative in

Jordan and Syria delivered a

speech in which he outlined

WHO's programmes for eradicat-

ing malaria in Middle East and

During the five-day meeting at

the Amman Plaza Hotel dele-

gates from eight nations will dis-

cuss research being done in fight-

ing malaria and precautionary

measures against the disease.

Apart from Jordan, the sympo-

sium is being attended by special-

ists from Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan

and Somalia.

North Africa since the 1960s.

Kingdom for many years.

Dr. Hamzeh noted.

Arab children to share culture, fun seventh in a row, and the NHF has extended invitations to Arab states to send four children each for the activities which were originally initiated by Queen Noor in

According to the NHF director general, a total of 350 children have so far taken part in past conferences in the Kingdom.

ra, did not specify the number of eggs to be sold to Iraq in this period, but Mr. Irteimeh had earlier noted that he was hoping ment with Mr. Ghanem Aziz, 40 sell 60 million eggs to Iraq through the deal.

# WATCHES EXHIBITION

displays the latest designs of Rado Watches for 1987

The Amman Plaza on Thursday June 25 evening witnessed the opening of an exhibition of Rado Watches. The Swiss Ambassador in Amman and Mr. Khaled Murad, deputy governor of Amman, cut the tape thus declaring the exhibition formally open. The opening ceremony was attended by a large audience of invited guests and Rado Watches enthusiasts. In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Kaeser paid tribute to the Mar'i Brothers Establishment for providing the best available service to its customers in terms of sales and maintenance service and also in opening new branches for the sake of promoting the sale of

Rado Watches. Rado has maintained relations with the Mar'i Establishment for more than 25 years and despite the difficult economic circumstances Jordan is passing through, this establishment has been investing a large capital in the business and continuing to modernise and refurbish its exhibition halls and showrooms and also introducing a mainte-

nance service. Clearly the Mar'i Brothers Establishment have a great deal of confidence in the good quality of their displayed products which have a high rate selling in the Jordanian market.

Rado's director of sales in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, Mr. Richard Wolf spoke to the Jordan Times explaining that the Jordanian market is considered a remarkable market for Rado despite its small size because many Jordanians living in the Gulf Arab states are Rado customers and they expect an excellent service from the Rado agents in Amman once they return home. He said that the Rado firm has sent a number of emplovees from Mar'i Establishment on training course to Switzerland. These employees have been trained in maintenance, sales and display skills so as to provide the best possible service to Rado's customers in Jordan. For this reason and through

joint efforts between the Rado firm and the Mar'i Establishment. Rado Watches are bound to acquire a better and more important position in the local market in the coming few years. Rado customers can and will reap the benefit of their purchase and can always rely on the excellent Rado maintenance service. At the end of the opening ceremony both Mr. Awni Mar'i and Mr. Tal'at Mar'i paid tribute to the Rado firm and also outlined the excellent service offered to the Rado customers in Jordan.

Rado owns two plants for manufacturing watches in Switzerland and has branches in West Germany, the United States. The firm owns a marketing centre in Hong Kong, Rado agents are found in more than 100 countries around the world. In Switzerland itself, Rado tops the sales list and acquires 20 per cent of the Swiss watches market. In 1981 Rado trade mark was introduced as a registered trade mark in West German markets where nearly 250 merchants sell Rado products. In the United States Rado has been able to win universal fame in New York and Los Angeles over the past three years thanks to a commer-

## Mar'i Brothers Establishment

(25 years of unique service)



Mr. Peter Kaeser chats with men of the press

country which was ignorant of the Rado trade mark before. Economic observers believe that the introduction of Rado

trade mark in the United States as one of the most astounding successes ever achieved by the Rado firm throughout its history. Rado's Hong Kong branch is in charge of operations in the Far

East. This branch is in charge of agents in that region and supervises the work of independent dealers in South East Asia like Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia. In Japan, Rado have become

the most famous Swiss watch, and the Rado trade mark is

cial campaign launched in a found at more than 1,000 stores and known to four out of every five Japanese.

In India and Pakistan, Rado is quite famous due largely to Indian and Pakistani workers operating in the Middle East who purchase Rado Watches there before their return to their home country carrying their valuable possessions thus contributing to the Rado fame.

The audience at the inauguration of the Rado exhibition inspected an array of Rado golden watches adomed with diamonds of exquisite workmanship. The guests expressed admiration for the set and the beautiful workmanship and fine art.



Mr. Peter Kaeser outlines the qualities of Rado Watches to the guests.



Mr. Tal'at Mar'i delivers a speech welcoming the guests



Mr. Awni Mar'i with representatives of Rado Company and journalists

## Hussein Ali Mahmoud to five years imprisonment and fined him ID 2,000 for trading in hashish. The military court also sentenced Ali Abdullah Salameh Al Jawwab to six month imprisonment for embezzling public funds. The general military governor endorsed

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Abdullah

Military court sentences 2 men

Iranians attack supertankers (Continued from page 1) "Should America resort to this dangerous gamble and should there be an outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf... we shall certainly engage in confrontation and we

shall certainly win." U.S. President Ronald Reagan has pledged to maintain the free flow of shipping through the

Gulf. To reinforce this vow, Pentagon officials said the U.S. battleship Missouri - on which Japan signed its World War II surrender in 1945 - would patrol

off Iran from August.
They said the Missouri and its escorts would head for the northern Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman, outside the Strait of Hormuz between Oman and Iran at the entrance to the Gulf. Washington has said Iran is

preparing launch sites near the strait for Chinese-built anti-ship missiles. Shipping sources say there are seven U.S. warships in the Guif,

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as well as a carrier-led force in the Arabian Sea, backed by some British, French and Soviet naval

vessels. The Iranians say they have reinforced their Revolutionary Guards forces along the Iranian side of Gulf and will carry out suicide attacks against U.S. ships if the Americans take any milit-

ary action. Shipping executives say the Revolutionary Guards, who are believed to have carried out recent ship attacks in speedboats armed with rocket launchers and machine guns, have also mined the approaches to the Al Ahmadi port of Kuwait.

An 18-man U.S. navy team, including bomb disposal experts, is sweeping the channel using Kuwaiti helicopters and American sonar equipment to determine the extent of the mining hazard. If needed, they will call on U.S.-built Saudi Arabian minesweepers to clear the shipping

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

King, Queen to open photo show

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor will open a photo exhibition by Jordanian artist Zohrab Markarian, His Majesty's special photographer, on July 6th at the Royal Cultural Centre. On display at the exhibition, entitled "Panoramas of Jordan," will be some 60 photos depicting the various aspects of historical and cultural life in Jordan. Mr. Markarian said that the exhibition's main goal is to highlight the beauty and splendour of historical and archaeological sites as well as geographical features of Jordan. He added that these photos will go on display at exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe to highlight Jordan's tourist attractions and natural beauty.

## Regent confers with chief of staff

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, the Regent, Saturday paid a visit to the Armed Forces general headquarters where he was received by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu Taleb. Prince Abdullah conferred with Lt.-Gen. Abu Taleb for some time.

## Royal Decree approves ambassador

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Royal Decree was issued approving the appointment of Dr. Albert Butros as ambassador at the Foreign Ministry. Dr. Butros had earlier held the post of Royal Scientific Society (RSS) president.

## Cabinet approves Kuwaiti fund loan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has approved a \$9 million loan agreement between Jordan and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to finance the second stage of the Aqaba thermal power station.

## USAID-sponsored agricultural panel opens

AMMAN (Petra) - A training symposium for the directors of agricultural projects at the Ministry of Agriculture began here Saturday in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The ministry under secretary, Dr. Salem Al Lawzi, who opened the symposium, delivered a speech in which he said that the ministry's main goal was to increase agricultural production and that the ministry has directed agricultural investments towards this goal. Experts from the ministry and the USAID are giving lectures during the two-week symposium on the management of agricultural projects and agricultural extension programmes.

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## Takes two to tango

AMERICAN and Soviet experts on the Middle East and West Asia are meeting in Geneva next week to exchange views on problems besetting this part of the world. In normal circumstances, it would have been an important encounter for the peoples of the area to look forward with hope to the superpowers moving towards tackling some of the world's thorniest issues. But, the circumstances are never normal when it comes to the Middle East and the superpowers.

Washington has been trying to pour cold water on Arab hopes of a superpower accord on the proposal for an international conference by contending that there was no "constructive" Soviet behaviour to warrant Kremlin involvement in Middle East peace efforts. And, if that was not enough, Washington has also advised Israel to remain firm on its demands from Moscow before agreeing to drop its objections to a Soviet role in Arab-Israeli peace talks.

So what is there for us in the Arab World to hope for in the July 6-7 meeting in Geneva between U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and Vladimir Polyakov, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East Department? Practically nothing, other than an agreement that there exists a "crisis" in the Middle East and that the Gulf war should be brought to an end. So, perhaps we would be wiser to concentrate on what the superpowers might do in the Iran-Iraq situation. Here, again, the best that could come out of the Geneva meeting is a Washington-Moscow agreement to advance the pending U.N. Security Council resolution on the Gulf war. But such an accord has already been reached in the corridors of the U.N. in New York, and it is clear that it is neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union that is blocking the inclusion of a mandatory arms embargo on the two belligerents. So that leaves us with Afghanistan. Moscow has already sent strong signals that it is willing to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan and seek a political solution to the problem, provided the U.S. and its allies call off their support for the anti-government rebels there. Even on this Washington has shown no willingness to proceed along these lines and there appears to be little chance of any change of mind before the Geneva meeting.

Of course, we cannot overlook what the Soviets will have to say over the Middle East in the Geneva meeting. They can tell the Americans they are genuinely interested in assuming an active role in efforts for peace in the region and are willing to work towards it through their allies and friends in the region. But will that get them anywhere in the face of U.S. contentions that Soviet support for the Palestinian people's struggle for their legitimate rights is not "creative behaviour"?

Just how the U.S. administration defines this "creative behaviour." we do not know. But assuming that it is a Soviet neutral stand in the Arab-Israeli conflict that Washington is after, what can be said about the party that is definitely not neutral on the Palestinian problem, namely the U.S.? Should the Soviets not tell the Americans that it takes two to tango, and that the U.S. should look closer to home for any remaining credibility on the Middle East?

## **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

## Al Ra'i: King enlists Turkey's support

KING Hussein has emphasised the Jordanian-Turkish role in promoting the cause of peace in the Middle East region and establishing right and justice for its peoples. The King made his statements in Turkey where he is paying an official visit for talks with its leaders on consolidating efforts for resolving the Middle East problem and also for ending the Iran-Iraq conflict. In his address at an official banquet in Ankara King Hussein explained the Jordanian position vis-a-vis both issues and reiterated Jordan's call for the establishment of a just and durable peace that should come with the help of the international community and under United Nations auspices. This peace, the King stressed, should ensure the return of the rights and the lands of the Palestinian people and a total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory. On the Gulf war the King said that Iraq has responded favourably to all peace bids and expressed hope that Turkey would exert its efforts to persuade Iran to accept the call of reason and the call of peace.

## Al Dustour: Bolstering Jordanian-Turkish

KING Hussein has embarked on an official visit to Turkey for talks with President Kenan Evren aimed at strengthening Jordanian-Turkish relations and for consultations on the best means of ending tension and conflicts in the Middle East region. This visit is part of Jordan's relentless diplomatic efforts in Europe to mobilise support and enlist help from various nations for convening an international Middle East peace conference which is being considered by the majority of nations as the only option and practical means for achieving a just and durable peace in the Middle East region. Turkey, which has been supporting the idea of this conference, can play an important role in this respect in view of its wide ranging interest and strong historic links with the Arab World. This Islamic nation which is also bound firmly with Europe, can actually play an important role in international affairs in general and the Middle East area in particular.

## Sawt Al Shaab: Promoting bilateral relations

KING Hussein's visit to Turkey and his talks with President Kenan Evren together embody the strong historic and economic ties between Jordan and Turkey and the two countries' plans to promote them in all fields. Turkey and Jordan hold almost identical views on a host of important issues like the Middle East conflict and the Gulf war. For this reason King Hussein stressed in his address on Friday the important role which Turkey can play as a friendly nation in consolidating current efforts designed to find a just and equitable solution for the problem of the Palestinian people and an end to the · Arab-Israeli conflict that would ensure total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967. This, the King said, can be done only through an international conference and under U.N. auspices. King Hussein was also careful to refer to the Gulf conflict, and he said that Turkey no doubt shares with Jordan its concern over the continuation of the war between two Islamic neighbours, and the constant sapping of their resources and power.

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Time for prudent financial policy

THE economic and financial policies and practices in Jordan were never taken for granted or agreed upon by consensus. There were always varying schools of thought and points of view within the official establishment and outside it. Such views vary, not only in accordance with theoretical or ideological backgrounds, but also in response to practical interests of those concerned.

Hence, the arguments over economic policy were always and will

continue to be an ongoing process.

Points of view polarised these days on whether the government should continue to expand, increase public expenditure for various purposes and sacrifice parts of its revenues as a price for incentives to encourage financial, real estate and export activities and revitalise the economy; or, that it is high time to admit that such policy did not work and should be replaced by more conservative and prudent financial policy, which puts safety and security first.

Newspapers these days are no more full of drastic economic news, developments and decisions. This however does not mean that the government has finalised its economic programmes. It implies that the whole economic policy and direction are undergoing a full scale revision and evaluation in the light of actual

When we did have some economic news recently, they fell under one of two categories: Those that entailed new or more spending, or those that resulted in lower revenues due to exemptions, reliefs. or instalment at the expense of the Treasury. The natural result for both categories of development is invariably the growth of deficit beyond the figures anticipated in the budget. Most new or expanded expenditures have no sufficient allocations in the budget, or no allocations at all, and most revenues which were subjected to exemptions, reductions or rescheduling were over-stated on the revenue side of the budget. So far in the year, the revenue of customs duties, income tax, and real estate fees on transactions were substantially lower than the previous year and much lower

for in a budget supplement at a later date. Of course no one is trying purposely to cause more financial deficit, but the government bodies are constantly under pressure to provide new services, or more services, or to forego some rights

towards the tax payers in view of their difficult circumstances, and

than the estimations of the budget; while most recurring expenses

were in excess of estimates, or covered by advances to be accounted

without due care to the circumstances of the Treasury itself. Since public funds are in fact tax payers money, it is the duty of the people to resist the generosity at the expense of the Treasury. The big financial deficit is more risky than the problems and difficulties which we try to solve by throwing money on them. In other words, the solutions causing more financial deficit are no solutions at all. They are merely a technique to substitute a problem by a bigger and more dangerous one.

Disagreement over economic policy is a welcome and healthy sign. We firmly stand behind more prudent, careful and secure approach in handling our public finances. We definitely do not want to swap problems and difficulties facing certain individuals or companies or sectors with difficulties and threats to our very security and future.

Economic and financial stability, which Jordan enjoyed, was always based on three points: Low external indebtedness, adequate foreign exchange reserves, and efficient management. Jordanians should not accept any policy that might sacrifice any of these points

## Grosz tipped to replace Kadar after Hungary leadership shakeup

Grosz, a strong proponent of economic reform named as prime minister on June 25 in Hungary's leadership shakeup, is tipped to succeed veteran Communist Party leader Janos Kadar.

Grosz, 56, will take over his new job after three years as Communist Party chief in Budapest. A politburo member with impeccable working class credentials, he s seen by both Hungarian and Western observers as a strong candidate to replace Kadar. His post will boost both his

own position and the role of the government, which the party says wants expanded.

'Grosz is a man who believes in efficiency," one Western diplomat says. "He will certainly try to run the economy.

Grosz joined the party in 1945 and left printing — a trade once followed by Kadar --- to work as a journalist. He became a Central ommittee (CC) member in 1980, joining the politburo in

Speeches suggest Grosz is among the most radical proponents of economic reform. He politburo. defends wage differentials and the profit motive.

But Western diplomats report. signs that he is less liberal in the" social sphere and very pro-

Grosz acknowledged on radio last year having sympathised with many rebel demands during the 1956 Hungarian uprising put down by Kadar and the Soviet

Another possible candidate to replace Kadar is Janos Berecz, 56, whose nomination to the politburo reinforces his position within the party. He acted as Communist Party propaganda chief since 1985. His elevation makes him, according to a senior party source, "the Hungarian Ligachev." (Yegor Ligachev is regarded as number two in the Kremlin.)

Berecz had a high public profile last year as author and presenter of a television history of the 1956 anti-Communist uprising, officially tagged a "counter-revolution" by the party.

Berecz was a youth activist in the party, and was a party secretary in the foreign ministry from 1966 to 1972. From 1974 to 1982 he headed the CC's foreign affairs department, and from 1982 to 1985 he was editor of the party daily Nepszabadsag (People's Freedom).

Following are brief portraits of other major figures in the leadership shake-up announced June

Pal Losonczi, 67, retires as president (president of the presdential council) after 20 years. He also leaves the politburo, but will remain as a member of the presidential council.

A former agricultural labourer, Losonczi joined the Communist Party in 1945 and was prominent in the cooperative movement. He became a full member of the CC in 1957 and was agriculture minister from 1960 until his appointment to the presidency in 1967. Losonczi has suffered from ill health in recent years.

Karoly Nemeth, 64, takes over as head of state from Losonczi. He leaves the post of Communist Party deputy general secretary, a position created for him in March 1985 to relieve the burden on

Nemeth left a job in the meat industry to become a full-time party worker in 1946, and both Western diplomats and Hungarian sources regard him as a somewhwat colourless party bureaucrat. One diplomat described him before the shakeup as the Chernenko of Hungary, alluding to the late Konstantin Chemenko who served briefly as Kremlin chief until his death in

A member of the politburo, Nemeth was a CC secretary from

BUDAPEST (R) — Karloy 1974 to 1985. He headed the CC's economic policy committee from 1974 to 1978 and was put in charge of party building and the CC youth committee in 1978.

Gyoergy Lazar, 62, leaves as prime minister after 12 years to take Nemeth's former job of Communist Party deputy general secretary. Lazar's career was moulded by many years in the civil service, where he specialised in economic planning.

Lazar joined the party in 1945 and entered the National Planning Office (NPO) on its establishment in 1948.

After being minister of labour from 1970 to 1973, he served from 1973 to 1975 as deputy prime minister. He has been a CC member since 1970 and in the politburo since 1975.

Official sources say his new post is effectively a demotion, as the post of deputy general secretary is more important in nominal than real terms. Judit Csehak, 46, relinquishes

the post of deputy prime minister she has held since December 1984 to become the only woman in the A medical doctor who worked as a general practitioner, Csehak joined the Communist Party in

1967 and became a trade union activist in 1975. She has been chairman of the state committee for youth since 1985, the year she became a

member of the CC. Officials say she mixes charm with efficiency, and that she gained the respect of government officials when bargaining as trade unionist.

Ferenc Havasi, 58, leaves the post of CC secretary in charge of economic policy which he has filled since 1978. A former deputy prime minister from 1975 to 1978, he takes over from Grosz the most important local party post as general secretary of the Budapest area.

Western observers say Havasi, a sober and scholarly man, was exhausted by his work on the economy.

Miklos Nemeth, 39, takes over from Havasi the top party econo-mic job, entering the CC and becoming secretary in charge of economic policy in one leap. Nemeth took over the economic department under Havasi's direction only in January. Hungarian sources describe him as very able and efficient.

## By Alister Doyle Reuter

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A new Central American peace plan designed to resolve hostilities and stressing the region's independence from the United States has run into trouble, diplo-

mats say. The new initiative aims for a quick accord to end the region's conflicts but so far the three meetings called to discuss it - a presidential summit and two foreign ministers' meetings — have either been postponed or called

While diplomats say they do not dismiss the plan, a 10-point document presented by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias in February, several described it privately as . "pie-in-the-sky diplomacy.

The countries in the region have all formally welcomed the Arias plan, the first worked out by a Central American nation, but most have serious doubts over its feasibility and over how it would enforce an enduring peace, diplomats said.

Lack of good will among the Central American nations, personality clashes among their leaders and the barely veiled opposition of the United States are also stacked against Arias' chances of success, they added.

The Arias plan is in serious trouble even before it has got going," one diplomat said.

The plan calls for ceasefires in

the region's three guerrilla wars, democratic elections, an end to foreign support for insurgents such as the U.S.-backed rightwing Nicaraguan rebels and withdrawal of foreign advisers from the region.

Although the plan does not mention any country by name, analysts said a main thrust is to encourage political pluralism in Nicaragua by eliminating the military threat to Managua.

On June 24, Honduras called off a two-day foreign ministers' meeting, due to have started discussing the plan on June 25 at a Caribbean resort in north Honduras. It blamed a lack of will by. some Central American nations to discuss the plan.

After the talks were put off, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced in Panama City he had dropped his previous insistence that a summit, originally set for June 25 in Guatemala,

should go ahead. With Nicaragua's decision, the Central American nations have all agreed to put off the summit until August 6-7.

While other peace initiatives for Central America have weathered delays, the Arias plan aims for a quick agreement, partly due to uncertainty over future U.S. policy for the region, diplomats

The U.S. allies - El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala — want to prove their independence from Washington before they face a possible sharp change in U.S. policy when President Reagan's term ends.

President Reagan made it clear to Arias in a meeting last week that he intended to go ahead and seek \$105 million from Congress to continue funding the contra rebels this year, a Costa Rican diplomat said. For Nicaragua, an early accord

New Central American peace plan in trouble on the Arias plan is attractive as it would make it hard for Reagan tosecure cash for the contras if Central America is seen to be

moving towards peace. Not all the Central American nations would be happy if aid to the contras was simply cut off. however. Honduras, for instance, fearing a flood of mercenaries from across the border, has urged the Arias plan be amended to force Nicaragua to negotiate with

Ortega reiterated on June 24 in Panama City that he would only speak to Reagan, whom he calls the head of the contras.

Currently the Arias plan says that the five presidents of the region will declare a ceasefire once the agreement is signed and hold talks with unarmed opposition groups. It leaves open the question of whether the guerrillas

will agree, diplomats said.

They said the problem could be especially acute for El Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte. who is under political pressure from the right and lacks a firm mandate to order the military to stop fighting the leftist guernilas.

## Granny power takes to the streets in West Germany

By John Kampiner Reuter

GEILENKIRCHEN, West Germany - Sixty pensioners armed with walking sticks, placards and loudhaiters descend on a military base to demand the scrapping of nuclear missiles from West German soil.

The Grey Panthers have ar-

Wherever there is a disarmament rally, this group of radical old people is always present. Trude Unruh, the group' founder and leader, says her generation after living through Naz-ism and World War II, has a

special role to play in urging people to shun violence. "We oldies are all guilty of Hitler. But look now. Idiots are still in power and are playing out that power," she told Reuters in

Unruh, 62, elected to parliament in January's general election, set up the group in 1975 to campaign for disarmament and to give old people a peaceful focus

an interview.

for their grievances.

She lobbies vociferously in parliament for higher pensions and greater rights for those with dis-

abilities. "This country is one of the world's richest industrialised nations. So why can't we have a share of it?" she says.

"We have one of the most comprehensive social security systems, yet so many of us fall through the net, while some people are too rich. They don't need any more money."

as the Senior Citizens' Protection Association, were given their name by the press. And it has Based in Unruh's home town

20,000 members. Most of them are women and most are over 60. "There are millions of old peo-

ple here below the poverty line. We've now demonstrated thousands of times to make that poverty visible," she says. Under Unruh's leadership, the

Panthers have forged informal links with other disarmament groups, most notably the Greens. In Geilenkirchen they were

given a rapturous welcome from a busload of Greens members of parliament as they staged a joint sit-in outside a base housing the Pershing 1-A missiles which Chancellor Helmut Kohl says the country must keep.

Many of the Panthers were weak on their knees, one was blind, but they were all in good voice, singing, applauding speeches and waving banners.

However, the mood changed when their bus, which was following the Greens', got lost and missed a second demonstration outside a nearby NATO base. The Panthers have accompa-

illustrious partners at anti-nuclear The Panthers, officially known rallies for years. But Unruh, despite entering " parliament on the list of Greens members of parliament, stands as

an independent. The Greens, a broad moveof Wuppertal, they now boast 200 ment encompassing ecologists, groups in West Germany and anti-nuclear protesters and other leftists, have taken up causes which would otherwise have been ignored since they first gained

seats in parliament in 1983. They have also brought a certain irreverence to the previously staid proceedings.

But Unruh is critical of the tactics employed by the radical wing of the party, including disrupting speeches and calling on people to break the law.

"We're all agreed on the aims, but we can't always sit on the sidelines. We have to be prepared to take responsibility for our actions and to accept a role in government if necessary," she

A well-groomed bespectacled mother of two, she uses expletives frequently when she talks about nuclear missiles.

West Germany, she believes, is an occupied country. She wants all foreign troops kicked out and

for the Bonn government to follow a neutral, pacifist line. There are more than 400,000

foreign troops in West Germany. serving as NATO's front-line. nied their younger but more Americans make up well over half (around 250,000), there are about 60,000 Britons on the Rhine, 50,000 French serving on the Franco-German border and a small number of Canadians, Belgians and Dutch.

> "In the army they train you to shoot the man you had breakfast with. Do you think all those soldiers in World War II wanted to die and make heroes of themselves? They were all crying and screaming.

Taking parliament on the road is one of her plans. "We debate, but how many people know what we're talking about. We have to go to the people."

Unruh likens several right-wing politicians, some of her generation, to fascists and says traces of Nazism are alive in parliament.

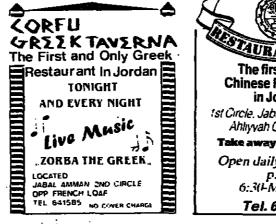
"Look at the AIDS question. It's typical. The instinctive reaction is repressive measures and border checks," she says.

Many of the signs are common in other countries, she adds. 'We've all developed systems in which brutality is carried out by the same type of men - and women for their part. The world is so proud and look what damage we do to each other."

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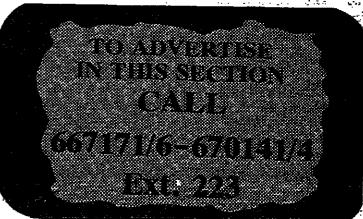
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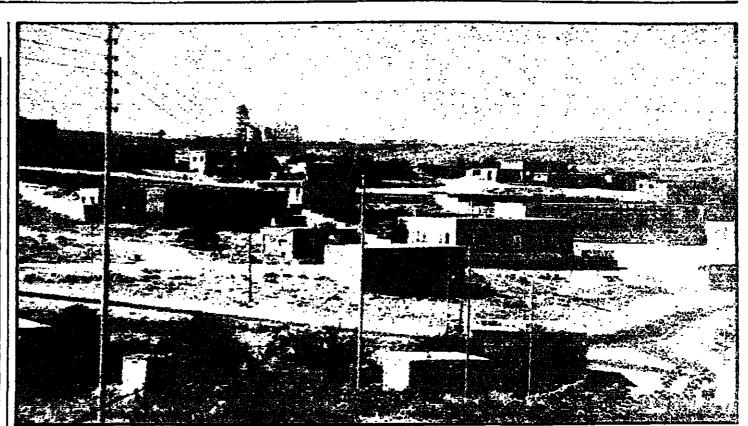
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Over 9 per cent of the rural population of Jordan now enjoy electrical power supply (JEA photo)

# Jordan's energy consumption drops

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The annual growth in demand for electricity in Jordan remained around 10 per cent in 1986 as against an average of 18 per cent during the period 1980-1985, according to the 1986 annual report of the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA).

The report said that the growth in demand was registered at 10.1 per cent, slightly above the figure of 9.2 per cent in 1985, but it underlined the success of the government's efforts to bring down the rate through its energy conservation policy.

The report said the demand for total energy in the Kingdom was 2,871 million tonne of oil equivalent (MTOE) in the year 1986 while it was 2,819 MTOE in 1985, thereby representing an annual growth of 1.8 per cent compared to 2.1 per cent in 1985. The average per capita consumption of energy was 1,024 kilogrammes of oil equivalent (KGOE) in 1986 compared to 1,049 KGOE in

The report attributed this decline to the slowdown in the national economy as well as the national energy conservation policy.

According to the report, the decrease in the international prices of oil was reflected in the sharp reduction of more than 50 per cent in the total cost of orted energy. The oil imports bill constituted about 5.7 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP) and 47 per cent of the national exports compared to 12.3 per cent and 82 per cent respectively for 1985. It meant that the total cost of energy imported in the year 1986 amounted to JD 111.32 million against JD 228 million in 1985.

A split up of the total consumption of energy in 1986 showed that the transport sector was the biggest consumer accounting for about 39 per cent, while the power sector consumed 28.3 per cent, industry 12.9 per cent, domestic 11 per cent and other sectors 8.8 per cent.

The total energy production, including JEA exports to Syria, grew by 18.4 per cent to 2,995 gegawatt hour (GWH > 1.000 megawatt hour (MW). Various JEA generating facilities contri-buted 2,612 GWH (88.4 per cent) of the total production, registering an increase of 24.3 per cent over the figure for 1985, while production by the various autonomous industries in the Kingdom declined by about 12 per cent.

The demand for electricity produced by JEA for local consumption grew by 14.4 per cent in 1986

compared with about nine per cent in 1985, the report said. The industrial sector remained

to be the largest consumer of electricity produced, accounting for about 39 per cent of the total production, while the domestic sector accounted for 30.3 per cent and the commercial sector with 11.7 per cent. Power used for water pumping

accounted for 14 per cent and other sectors, including municipalities and street lighting, accounted for five per cent.

Other figures given in the report showed that the peak load in the national system was 458 MW in September 1986 registering an increase of 15.1 per cent over the figure of 398 MW in 1985.

During the time of system peak, 70 MW was provided to Syria and thus the annual maximum load including the Syrian load was 528 MW. During the off-peak periods, Syria was provided with 90 MW and the total power supplied to Syria in 1986 was 214 GWH compared with 20.5 GWH in 1985.

The number of total power consumers rose to 430,000 in Jordan in the year 1986 and this figure represents about 95 per cent of the population, the report said. The figure was 401,000 in 1985; it added.

The average outage per consumer was 16 hours in 1986 compared with 11 hours in 1985, the report said, but added that more than 50 per cent of it was preplanned to facilitate repair and maintenance work. Outages caused by weather accounted for 15.9 per cent and human error was behind 14.3 per cent, while unspecified reasons accounted for 16.6 per cent.

The report noted that if the planned outage per consumer was 7.5 hours in 1986 and that this figure was relatively high when compared to those in developed countries. The level of outage in Europe is between one and four hours per consumer.

The report promised that the situation would be rectified soon in Jordan with the collective efforts of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, the JEA. and the two main distributing companies.

## Rural electrification

On rural electrification, the report said 82 villages, inhabited by about 31,000 people, were electrified in 1986 under programmes drawn up by the JEA and the two distribution companies — the Jordan Electric Power Company (JEPCO) and the Irbid District

Electricity Company (IDECO). With the projects completed in year.

1986, the total number of electrified villages rose to 656 with a total population of 1,055,000 or 93.8 per cent of the total rural population of the Kingdom.

The total installed system capacity of Jordan was 979 MW at the end of 1986. The JEA share was 864.5 MW. The total capacity of the interconnected system was 875 MW.

The system includes the main generating stations and a 400 KV transmission network. It also includes a 230 KV tie line for providing power to Syria, and the entire network serves about 96 per cent of the Kingdom's total population, the report said.

JEA total production for local consumption and export reached 2.612 GWH in 1986 compared to 2,102 GWH in 1985 - an increase of 24.3 per cent. Increased supplies to Syria accounted for this high increase, according to the report.

Of the total production, the Hussein Thermal Power Station (HTPS) in Zarqa accounted for 64.87 per cent, followed by Agaba Thermal Power Station (ATPS) (18.19 per cent), Marka (2.6 per cent). Amman South gas turbines (0.33 per cent), Karak and Tafileh (0.47 per cent), Ma an and surrounding villages (0.02 per cent) and diesel generators in Aqaba (1.9 per cent). Of the total of 2,995 GWH of generated power, including that of the various industries, the IDECO power accounted for 93.3 per cent, diesel power 6.2 per cent

and gas power 0.4 per cent. A hydroelectric project at the King Talal Dam producing 3 GWH accounted for the remainder (0.1 per cent).

According to the report, a JEA streetlighting project for Amman suburbs was expected to be completed by mid-1987. The project, comprising a total of 95 kilometres of roads around the capital, has already been completed and work on some extensions to the already covered road sections is continuing, according to a spokesman for the JEA.

The total number of JEA employees rose by 9.6 per cent to 1,731 in 1986, the report said. The total number of employees in the electricity sector was 4,688 at the end of 1986.

The level of productivity per JEA employee rose to 1,509 MWH in 1986 reflecting an increse of 13.5 per cent over 1985, according to the report.

JEA is continuing work on a national Laining centre for technical personnel. The centre, located in Zarqa, is expected to be operational by the end of this

### Reduced tariffs

The JEA report noted that the authority announced a reduced tariff for consumers in mid-1986, offering a reduction of about 20 per cent for the domestic sector. while the reduction was 17 per cent for industrial consumers. Reduced charges have also been offered to hotels, in a bid to boost tourism, the report said.

JEA also offered to the agriculture sector reduced charges for power used for purposes of irrigation and drinking water projects.

### Expenditures

On capital expenditures the JEA report said the authority spent about JD 42 million in capital projects in 1986 compared to JD 59 million in 1985. Consequently, total value of JEA, factor assets rose to JD 258 million from JD 165 million in 1985, represent-

ing an increase of 62.4 per cent.
In a section devoted to electrical power system developed in Jordan, the JEA report noted that the authority completed and commissioned the first stage of the ATPS by the end of 1986. This facility, which comprises of two steam units of 130 MW each. has been linked to the national

JEA is in the process of implementing the second phase of the ATPS. Tenders have already been issued for the supply stallation and commissioning of two 130 MW steam units included in this phase, and work on the project is expected to start by the end of 1987, the report said.

A 400 KV double circuit transmission line linking the ATPS and the JEA's Amman South sub-station was completed in mid-1986 at a rated voltage of 132 KV which will be raised to 400 KV when the second stage of ATPS is completed.

Another major project currently under implementation is a 400/ 132 KV substation for Amman South.

The completion of the first stage of a microwave communition network was another major JEA project in 1986. This project conveys information to a centralised computer system and provides fascimile and telephone links among various JEA facilities including the HTPS in Zarqa and ATPS, the JEA headquarters in Amman and the national control centre.

The next stage of this network will absorb six other locations and the wireless communications systems already in use by JEA per-

# Bald brotherhood finds new recruits in Belgium

By Mark Trevelyan

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Renter SOIRON, Belgium — "I'd like you to wrinkle your forehead, please," says master of cere-monies Fernand Fyon.

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We'll measure the baid surface between the first wrinkle of the forehead and the first crease in the neck, and multiply that by the breadth from left to right," he

Then he and 300 spectators watch closely as local hairdresser Suzy Nelis examines the first contestant with a magnifying glass — to check for any signs of cheating whips out her tape measure, and announces, to loud cheers,

"24 centimetres by 15." This is the 10th anniversary festival of the Bald Brotherhood of Soiron, and most of the population of the small Belgian town has turned out to watch the bizarre beauty contest which serves as an initiation to the

brotherhood's ranks. Fyon, its president, a 57-yearold builder with two decades of baldness behind him, says the organisation is a social forum which aims to help bald people shed any awkwardness they may feel about their condition.

The brotherhood is one of three such organisations in Belgium, and sends delegates each October to the town of Ciney. where they lay flowers at the grave of former mayor Joseph Lambert, founder of the National Bald Brotherhood.

There are also close links with France, which staged its national conference for the bald earlier this month in Angers, and West Germany, whose equivalent is known as the Club der Fidelen Glatzkopfe (club of the jolly bald

International festivals for the bald take place every two years, Fyon said, the most recent being

two years ago in Nancy, France.
"We're growing each year through the number of activities

"People have thrown away their wigs when they've come to us. We've helped a lot of people get rid of their complexes.

The relaxed atmosphere which the brotherhood offers can play a special role in helping people come to terms with the premature loss of hair which can result from serious accident or illness, Fyon

Resplendent in red and black ankle-length robes and flanked by seven other high priests of the brotherhood in similar garb, he steps forward at last to announce the competition results.

Even he, proud owner of a marble-smooth cramium, sounds a note of awe as he awards first place to a contestant with a "magnificent" 1,085 square centimetres of bald pate.

Then comes the initiation prop-er. A robed member of the brotherhood proffers a symbolic and festivities we organise," Fyon told Reuters on the third and cushion, and Fyon intones: "Will final day of the Soiron celebra- you put your left hand on the

shining sphere and swear never to modify your coiffure?" "We swear," they chorus as

Fyon anoints the new members by pouring a small quantity of brandy from a ladle onto each man's head, rubbing it into the scalp with a handkerchief and letting them drink the rest. Then everyone retires to the

bar, to get down to the really serious business of the weekend. "The Soiron Brotherhood

meets on the first Tuesday of each month, whether there's some subject to discuss or not," bellows treasurer Jean Pirotte against a deafening background of accordion music

"We don't talk about much, we drink," he adds.

Meanwhile Fyon, proudly sur-veying the tentful of merrymakers, proclaims: "Baldies of all countries, come and join us at Soiron. We've everything we need to take away your complexes and make you proud to be

### Church of England questions whether Christians can be Freemasons compatible?" said many of the non-conformists alike - who was "blasphemous" because the By Graham Heathcote

The Associated Press

LONDON - A Church of England inquiry group last week questioned whether Christians can be Freemasons and said home Christians had found Masonic rituals disturbing and "positively evil."

A report on a 16-month investigation by a seven-member panel of the Anglican state church stopped short of recommending that church members resign from Masonic lodges. But it said Christians who are Freemasons faced "clear difficulties."

Commander Michael Higham, grand secretary of English Freemasons, called the report "disappointing."

He issued a statement saying

the church report amounted to an accusation of heresy. Such a charge against the movement, the statement said, "will come as a surprise to thousands of Christian Freemasons — Anglican and

know that Freemasonry is good, and that it supports their religion without trespassing on its preserves." The report followed similar re-

cent moves against the international brotherhood by other British Protestant churches and the Roman Catholics. The Methodists recommended their members not join Masonic lodges.

There is growing hostility in the churhces to Masonic practices, which include oath-swearing on the Bible, rituals and pledges of secrecy, conducted in Masonic temples by officials wearing re-

Grisly 300-year-old penalties, such as beheading and tearing out tongues for divulging Masonic secrets, were removed from initiation rituals in Britain last February after complaints that they deterred new entrants.

The 56-page report, "Freemasonry and Christianity: Are they 1.5 million active members of the church were practising Masons, some of whom had protested the 1985 decision of the church's policy-making general synod to hold an inquiry.

The panel said its five non-Mason members found a "number of very fundamental reasons to question the compatibility of Freemasons with Christianity.

"From the evidence we have received, it is clear that some Christians have found the impact of Masonic rituals disturbing and a few perceive them as positively evil," the report said. "The dramatic impact of the rituals have had a 'psychic' effect."

It found the most serious theological objection to Freemasonry was its use of the term "Jahbulon," the name of God given to some Masonic initiates and formed from Semitic, Heb-

rew and Egyptian names for God. The inquiry concluded the term military people.

name of God in Christian theology "must not be taken in vain, nor can it be replaced by an amalgam of the names of the pagan deities."

The report said some Christians had quit Freemasonry "precisely because they perceive their membership of it as being in conflict with their Christian witness and belief."

There are more than 500,000 Freemasons in Britain, belonging to some 8,500 lodges, headed by grand master Duke of Kent, first cousin of Queen Elizabeth II.

There are millions of Masons in the world, pledged to help each other. Communist countries ban the movement.

Membership is by invitation, usually limited to professional men and women: Lawyers, civil servants, bank managers, police' officers, rabbis and clergy, doctors, architects, accountants and

# Sir Harry Lewis wins Irish Derby after bomb scare delay

NEWBRIDGE, Ireland (R) — The Irish Derby, delayed 50 minutes by a bomb scare which forced police to evacuate thousands from the Curragh Grandstand, was won Saturday by British challenger Sir Harry Lewis, a determined stayer who clearly revelled in the soft going.

when police at Newbridge received an anonymous phone call warning of a bomb in the stands on Ireland's big horse racing day of the year, attended by 30,000

The police searched the stands and after almost an hour the racecourse commentator told the cheering crowd at the windswept course: "Nothing suspicious has been found."

Lord Hemphill, senior steward of the Irish Jockey Club, said: "It's lucky enough it all ended as

The big drama of the day came well as it did. The police wanted to avoid any form of stampede and panic and indeed they did." The race, offering one of the

poorest turnouts for a European classic this season, was almost an anti-climax with Sir Harry Lewis, ridden by Northern Ireland born jockey John Reid, beating the smallest Irish Derby field for 27

Reid, jubilant after his 34 of a length win over fellow British challenger Naheez, said: "He relaxed just fine. He was not worried by the long wait."

All eight jockeys took off their crash helmets and walked their mounts around at the start while the police combed the stands to check that the phone call was a bomb hoax.

Sir Harry Lewis, owned by New York hotelier Howard Kaskel, had been fourth to Reference Point in the Epsom Derby and clearly was at ease in Saturday's going.
The 6-1 chance hit the front

two furlongs out and never looked like being headed by the 10-1 shot Naheez, ridden by another Northern Ireland born jockey Ray Cochrane. Third, four lengths away, was the Vincent O'Brien trained Enti-

tled (7-2) ridden by Cash There was more drama when the Stewards held an inquiry into

The Aga Khan's 1981 Epsom and Irish Derby winner Shergar was kidnapped from the stud adjoining the Curragh racecourse four years ago and the \$10 million champion thoroughbred has nevthe closing stages where Naheez er been found.

after studying a video of the race

they allowed the placings to re-

It was a second classic victory

in Ireland for trainer Barry Hills

who won the Irish Oaks here in

The two big disappointments

of the race were the Epsom Der-

by runner up Most Welcome,

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## Stage scrubbed after race car accident

STILLWATER GLEN, Wash. (R) - The fourth stage of the Olympus Motor Raily was scrubbed Friday night after an accident here involving a car driven by American television actor Richard Dean Anderson.

Eyewitnesses said the Toyota FX16 driven by Anderson, the star of the "McGyver" show which often features high-speed car chases, rolled over four times, went off the course and was damaged beyond repair.

Neither Anderson nor a codriver was seriously injured, race officials said.

A statement issued by the officials said, in full: "Special stage four cancelled by clerk of course after pace car number two rolled on the stage and the stage was delayed. While trying to deter-mine the extent of injuries, both drivers had their pride injured but not their bodies."

## Soviet qualifier reaches last 16 at Wimbledon

LONDON (R) — Alexander The Soviet Union enjoyed fourth, beat Durie 6-1, 6-3 in a Volkov Saturday became the first another success in the women's 55-minute battle between two of Soviet tennis player to reach the men's last 16 at Wimbledon since Alex Metreveli in 1975 when he beat 12th-seeded Brad Gilbert of the United States in four sets.

The Martin British Law Con-

Ranked 503rd in the world, the lowest of any player still in the championships. Volkov won 7-6, 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 and has now beaten five Americans in successive matches including the qualifying tournament.

Metreveli, runner-up to Jan Kodes in 1973, reached the fourth round in 1974 and 1975, and has long been the model on which later Russian players based their all-court game.

Volkov, 20, born in Kalingrad but now living in Moscow, began his Wimbledon run with a victory over Chilean Ricardo Acuna, a quarter-finalist as recently as 1985, in the first round of the qualifying event then claimed a place in the main draw by beating Americans Brian Teacher and Bud Cox.

He has continued to make nonsense of the computer rankings in the tournament proper this week by adding the names of Larry Stefanki and Bill Scanlon to his record before tackling Gilbert on

court seven. The Soviet, playing in his first Grand Slam championship, showed no signs of being overawed either by his surroundings or by an opponent ranked 489 places above him, although he was suddenly assailed by nerves in the second set after winning the opening tiebreak 7-4.

Dressed in old-fashioned tennis "whites," which gave him an air of Wimbledon in the 1950s, Volkov otherwise bore an uncanny resemblance to Frenchman Henri Leconte, even down to his style of play.

His swinging left-handed serve was a constant problem for Gil-bert, who also failed to come to grips with the Soviets powerful two-fisted backhand and a deceptively nonchalant forehand which was a source of a stream of flashing winners. Volkov, who also displayed de-

lightful touch at the net, broke Gilbert in the eighth game of the third set and crucially captured the American's serve in the seventh game of the fourth. Serving for the match at 5-4.

Volkov finished it off in the classic manner with a service winner, two crisp volleys, and a clean ace. The Russian will now meet

fifth-seeded Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir or Sweden's Anders-Jarryd for a place in the quarter-

singles when 16-year-old Natalia Zvereva, the Russian number three, also reached the last 16 by beating American Ann Henrick-sson 6-3, 6-3.

The Minsk teenager, who beat 10th seed Lori McNeil of the United States in the second round, will now meet sixthseeded Argentine Gabriela Saba-

Helena Sukova, who shattered Martina Navratilova's English grass-court victory streak at Eastbourne a week ago, had an easier time reaching Wimbledon's fourth round at the expense of Britain's Jo Durie on Saturday. As the tournament reverber-

ated from the shock defeat of men's champion Boris Becker by Australian Peter Doohan on Friday, the 13th women's seed, Barbara Potter, was trounced 6-0, 6-1 in a second-round match by 16year-old fellow American Mary Joe Fernandez.

Czechoslovak Sukova, seeded

55-minute battle between two of the tallest women in tennis 1.88 and 1.83 metres respectively - and while the favourite was

rarely impressive, she was not required to be. Durie was a pale shadow of the player who carried British hopes with her when she reached the

semifinals of the 1983 French Open and climbed to number five the world. It was not that she missed a lot

of shots, it was by how much she missed them that had observers shaking their heads at how low her game had fallen from its former

Sukova, who beat Chris Evert the day before halting Navratilova's winning run on English grass at 69 matches as she won the Eastbourne event, might have expected a hard day's work when Durie won the opening game to

But the Briton could manage only five ponts in the next five

## Briton takes early lead in European Cup

PRAGUE (R) — European champion Linford Christie of Britain beat off the challenge of his east European rivals to win the men's 100 metres on the first day of the European Cup Group A finals Saturday.

Christie was slow out of the blocks but powered past early leader Viktor Bryzgin of the Soviet Union and East German Steffen Bringmann to win in 10.23 seconds.

Bringmann was second in 10.36 and Bryzgin fell back to fourth behind Italian Pierfrancesco

CORDOBA, Argentina (R) -

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eccoming Venezuela, where

baseball freaks outnumber soccer

fans by about 10 to one, when the

r in teams open play in Group B

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Coach Carl Alberto Silva's new

look Brazilian team, fresh from

an encouraging European tour

and reinforced by Italian cham-

pions Napoli's new signing Care-

ca. are tipped to meet world

champions and hosts Argentina

in the final on July 12.

35 Sunday.

In the women's 100 metres, Marlies Goehr of East Germany won a record sixth successive European Cup victory, clocking 10.95 seconds to beat Anelia Nuneba of Bulgaria.

There was a record too for evergreen West German Harald Schmid who won the opening men's race, the 400 metres hurdles. It was the European champion's fifth cup win, more than any male athlete has achieved.

Schmid, who led from the first hurdle, finished in 48.67 seconds. He beat Briton Max Robertson by more than a second.

The most influence they can

expect to have on the group is to be the arbiters of the Brazilians'

fate if Chile, the other team in the

group, should hold Brazil to a

Brazil, seeded for a semifinal

meeting with the winners of

Group C which also opens Sun-

day with Paraguay facing Bolivia,

They will be keen for some

shooting practice against a side

that boasts in right back Antonio

are well aware of this fact.

decorous showing.

There was also a sentimental return to the track for world champion and world record holder Jarmila Kratochvilova of Czechoslovakia in the women's

Now 36 and back in action for the first time for more than a year because of injury, she held of the challenge of East German Christine Wachcel on the final straight but a late burst from Tatyana Samolenko of the Soviet Union just pipped her at the tape. Both clocked one minute 59.26



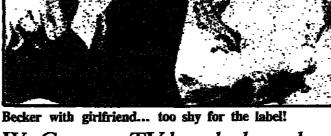
## Brazil opens cup campaign against minnows Venezuela

### Cup qualifiers two years ago, is noted for his darting runs down the right flank.

But if Careca, fellow World Cup striker Muller and Valdo are on song Torres will be too busy in defence to trouble goalkeeper Carlos.

Brazil, following the disappointment of losing to France on penalties in the World Cup quarter-finals in Mexico a year ago, have rebuilt their team. The success in this tournament

of a blend of young players, who earned Brazil a place in next year's Olympic tournament, and



## W. German TV breaks broadcast schedule to assess Becker defeat

BONN (R) — West German Television broke into its normal evening schedule to discuss Friday's stunning defeat of national hero and Wimbledon champion, Boris Becker.

Most viewers said in street interviews they were upset by the 19-year-old tennis star's second round setback at the hands of unseeded Australian Peter Doohan.

One woman, though, com-mented: "I don't like him. I have Earlier, the country's top-selling newspaper, Bild, launched a front-page attack on a British daily for saying Becker was a sex

Bild, read in more than four million homes, said Steffi Graf, the country's top woman tennis star, was also being slighted with labels such as "Sauerkraut-Steffi" and the "blitz-krieg kid."

"In the most revolting manner, English newspapers have insulted our tennis stars Becker and Graf and are dragging them through the mud," Bild said. "Boris is being portrayed as a sex

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Brazil or Argentina to win cup — Careca

CORDOBA, Argentina (R) - Brazilian soccer star Careca has said hosts Argentina and Brazil would dominate the South American Cup which opens with a Group A match between the world champions and Peru in Buenos Aires on Sunday. 'T think Argentina and Brazil will be the protagonists of the final,' Careca. told reporters at Brazil's headquarters outside this northwestern city, venue of Group B. "But one must not forget Uruguay and Peru, who could cause surprises," said Careca, newly signed by Italian champions Napoli to play alongside Argentine ace Diego Maradona. Careca said that playing with Maradona at Napoli would be a great opportunity to gain full recognition at world level. The young Brazilian squad hope to mark the start of their 1990 World Cup campaign by winning the Copa America.

## Oversleeping disqualifies player

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Sam Torrance, the 1985 winner, was disqualified Friday from the \$320,000 Monte Carlo Open when he overslept and missed his start time. The 33-year-old from Scotland was due to tee off at 8 a.m. At 7:55 Torrance's caddie realised the player was not at the course. It was then too late for Torrance to make the 25-minute drive to the Mont Agel Club. "It's never happened to me before," Torrance said. "Either the alarm didn't work or it did and I didn't hear it."
Torrance will not be fined. "We don't feel there was any malice in Sam's action and therefore a fine would be inappropriate." tournament director Andy McFee said. Torrance was 11 shots behind leader Peter Senior from Australia. He had completed 10 holes of his second round.

### Becker's beating saves bookies bundle witnesser, and day of the first on a reliant of he

LONDON (AP) — Boris Becker's second-round defeat at Wimbledon Friday saved Britain's legal bookmakers a bundle of cash. A spokesman for one of the largest bookies, William Hill, said 90 per cent of the bets taken on Wimbledon had been for Becker to win the grass-court championships for a third successive year. "We're relieved to see him beaten," Graham Sharpe, the spokesman, said. He said Becker's loss saved the firm about £250,000 (\$400,000). Becker had been the odds-on favourite for the men's championship.

## Paraguay seeks to play at home

ASUNCION (R) — The Paraguayan Tennis Association (PTA) is sending a delegation to the International Tennis Federation in London in an attempt to regain the right to play Davis Cup matches at home, a spokesman has said. Tennis association sources said they thought the resignation of PTA President Alejandro Velasquez Ugarte could clear the way for the restoration of their right to host Davis Cup matches. The international federation withdrew Paraguay's right to stage home matches as part of a sanction for crowd control problems and threats against officials during its world group upset victory over the United States in March. Paraguay is scheduled to play its Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against Spain in Caracas. Venezuela, from March 24 to 26. It would have been held in Asuncion had the sanction not been imposed. The international federation is scheduled to hear the report from the three-man PTA delegation on Monday and decide whether or not it will restore the right to play at home following the match with Spain.

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### The Venezuelans, the poor Torres possibly their most effecsix-survivors of their Mexico the feeling he's a bir too nationasquad could make Silva's job safe: "listic. He's too big for his boots." tive attacker. boys of South American football Torres, scorer of a brilliant goal who are due to arrive in Cordoba only 24 hours before the match, against Argentina in the World until the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Men's title chase wide open after Becker fall-out LONDON (R) — Suddenly, with successive crown.

tennis title is a free-for-all. Until Becker's 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 upset by Australian Peter Doohan Friday, the 19-year-old West German was in many eyes close to a sure thing for a third

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host of pretenders have become

contenders. Foremost among them is Ivan Lendl, who only just avoided Becker's fate Friday and who may now be closer to winning the title he feels he needs to justify his world number one ranking.

Swedes Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg, seeded third and fourth, had their prospects enhanced by Becker's defeat, Wilander the more so because he was Becker's projected semifinal opponent.

Others such as Australian Pat Cash, a semifinalist three years ago, and American Tim Mayotte will fancy their chances more now than they did before, as will the stylish Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir.

And no one could be more

smugly satisfied than Jimmy Con- that match but clawed his way the defeat of Boris Becker, the Now he is gone, and while he nors, the 1974 and 1982 champion back before losing the tiebreak battle for the Wimbledon men's watches the rest of Wimbledon who was narrowly beaten by against a slightly shell-shocked from his Monte Carlo home, a Becker in the Queen's Club final two weeks ago.

Connors was earmarked for a quarter-final clash with Becker

Unseeded players will also be seeing a ray of hope where only a glimmer existed before. The best of them is probably Slobodan Zivojinovic, beaten by Lendl in five sets in the semifinals last

The big Yugoslav could now reach the last eight without playing a seed.

Lendl's third-round task Saturday was disposing of Richey Reneberg, an American qualifier and product of the tough U.S. Collegiate Circuit who almost beat Mayotte at Queen's in his first tournament as a profes-

He trailed 5-1 and 0-40 on his own serve in the second set of

Becker was one of eight seeds to lose Friday, but it was his defeat that left the tennis world reeling.

He admitted that Doohan had outplayed him but was far from astonished to have lost, particularly at a tournament so affected

"I'm not immortal. I always knew I would lose here one day." he said. "I would have liked more practice the last two days. That made things more even today."

Late on Friday night, another of the main contenders went out. Kevin Curren, loser to Becker in the 1985 final and 16th seed this time, was defeated 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Johan Kriek, like Curren South African-born but now a U.S. citizen.

## **Europeans accept Korean** pledges on Olympics

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Offi- assure you once again the current cials of European National Olympic Committee (ENOC) ended a two-day meeting Friday by accepting South Korea's assurances that rioting there will not affect the staging of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

"The conference accepted the assurances of the Seoul Committee on security and there was no call for the transfer of the games to another venue," Adrien Vanden Eede of the ÉNOC secretariat told a news conference. "We're doing everything to en-

sure optimum security with minimum inconvenience for the athletes, officials and other participants." Ock-Jin Kim, secretary general of the Seoul Olympics Organising Committee, told the news conference.

He said political unrest in Korea will be settled before the games in August 1988 and "I political situation has no effect whatsoever on our preparations for the games."

The meeting was attended by 107 delegates, including the secretaries general of 21 European National Olympic Committees and other delegates and athletes' representatives. The two-day discussions con-

centrated on reviewing preparations for the Seoul games and the winter Olympics to be held in Calgary, Canada. Kim thanked the NOC repre-

sentatives for "indicating to us some points that the SLOOC had not noticed and for giving us advice based on their valuable experience from past Olympics. "We're sure that the Seoul

Olympics will be the site of the harmonious reunion of East and

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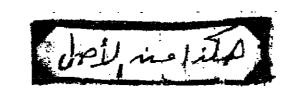
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## Ford, V.W. in Brazil fire 4,000 workers

SAO PAULO (AP) - The local subsidiaries of Ford and Volkswagen on Friday fired 4,000 workers, saying new government taxes had provoked one of the worst crises in the 30-year history of Brazilian auto manufacturing.

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Sales have been paralysed by what automakers say are exces-sive retail taxes and recent antiinflationary austerity measures that have sharply reduced the purchasing power of most Brazi-lians. Inflation is currently rurming at more than 20 per cent a

Some 30,000 unsold vehicles are crowding factory yards at Ford, Volkswagen, General Motors and Fiat.

Ford spokesman, Mr. Luis Carlos Secco, said the company laid off 2,000 workers. Another 2,000 were dismissed at Volkswagen, said spokesman, Mr. Zenon Garrote Sierra.

The metalworkers union in Sao Bernardo Do Campo, a Sao Paulo suburb where Ford and Volkswagen are based, said weekend meetings were scheduled to decide how to respond to the dismissais.

Union spokesman, Mr. Paulo De Oliveira, said a strike could be "one way to protest the firings." He did not elaborate.

Ford plans to grant collective holidays to 13,000 workers for the first two weeks of July, while suspending all auto production during the period. Fiat, Volkswagen and General Motors cannot survive on exports alone, announced similar measures.

Spokesmen at General Motors said there were no plans for mass dismissals, but that collective holidays would be granted to 12,000 workers.

The country's auto industry, which also includes Mercedes Benz, Saab-Scania and Volvo plants, is the 10th biggest in the world and employs more than 140,000 people.

According to the National Automakers Association, domestic sales between January and May of this year totalled 241,632 autos, about 36 per cent less than the 382,182 units sold during the same period in 1986.
"If it weren't for the taxes, the

industry would not be in the mess it is in today," said association's spokesman. Mr. Claudemir Cruz Dos Santos.

The cost of producing a car in Brazil is the lowest in the world but because of taxes the price paid by the consumer is the high-est in the world," he said.

A complex set of taxes raise the final retail price of a car produced in Brazil by about 70 per cent over the pretax level, according to automakers.

Car exports, however, are flourishing. Mr. Santos said 120.081 vehi-

cles were exported during the first five months of the year, compared to 75,426 units shipped out from January to May 1986.

"This performance helps a little bit but obviously the industry

## YOUR DAILY OFOS from the Carroll Righter institute

### FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: It is necessary to keep smiling despite the frustrating conditions around you. Use a creative idea to help alleviate the situation and remove doubts about your future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Ignore worries, get out socially and really shine. Use your talents and become

better known as a result. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Restore harmony at home by figuring out what's causing the problems. Be

logical and kin will appreciate it. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Constructive communications will yield positive results. Don't talk to a

fellow worker as planned.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Monitor financial opportunities and get a big payoff. Keep yourself busy to avoid arguments.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Decide what you want out of life and how to get it. Visit friends, but do not entertain at home in the evening.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Consult an edviser about

your long-term plans. Don't waste any time today, geting behind would be a mistake. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact friends and

organize support for yourself, but don't try to force the

issue. Watch money matters carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Improving position and safeguarding reputation are important today. You may be disappointed by a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get into a new kind of action, but don't get in over your head. Avoid strengers in the evening.

strangers in the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be efficient in handling your obligations if you want to progress. Steer clear of an annoying friend tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't bother anyone important tonight.

important tonight, accept advice gratiously, and your chances for success are great.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Brighten up those around you and everything will run smoothly. Avoid traveling to unknown places today.

to unknown places today.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have a highly active and talented imagination, so a good education will be absolutely essential. You must help

your child deal with frustration and the tendency to veer from the beaten path throughout life. Early involvement with intricate creative work would help.

THE Daily Crossword by Frank Georg

# AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, June 20, '87 and ending Wednesday, June 24, '87. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

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Jordan Kuwait Bank	5695	9339	1.660	1.640	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	280	356	1.270	1.270	1.000
Housing Bank Arab Jordan Investment Bank		17655 1308	1.650 2.160	1.650 2.180	1.000 1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	1364	27227	21,550	20.000	5.000
Bank of Jordan	685	11808	17.400	16.900	5.000
Arab Bank	370	44235	118.250	120.000 2.500	10.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	957437	35066 960274	2.510 0.900	0.930	1.000 1.000
Islamic Investment House		-	_		1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	11250	13724	1.730	1.710	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation National Financial Investments	27111 9732	20397 14598	0.770 1.500	0.750 1.500	1.000 1.000
National Portfolio Securities	6228	4690	0.770	0.760	1,000
Jordan Securities Corporation	1040	926	0.900	0.890	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	1000	1330	1.370	1.330	1.000 2.000
Al Mashrek Exchange		_	_	_	10.000
Insurance and reinsurance					
Jordan French Insurance	5537	30547	5,500	5.600	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	385	339	0.880	0.880	1.000
Jordan Insurance		-			1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance		6972 1803	0.820 1.040	0.830 1.030	1.000 1.000
Holy Land Insurance		20491	1.040	1.050	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance	650	429	0.730	0.660	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	11067	15361		1 200	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance Jordan-Gulf Insurance		15261 4338	1.370 0.770	1.380 0.790	1,000 1,000
Universal Insurance		700	0.700	0.700	1.000
General insurance	150	207	1.380	1.380	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	_	_	_	_	10.000
Middle East Insurance Al-Izdihar Insurance		_	_	_	10.000
National Ahliya Insurance		1220	1.200	1.220	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	300	300	1.350	1.000	1.000
Services and industries					
Financial Facilities and Investment Development	118942	92947	1.000	0.790	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	23103	12330	0.550	0.530	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Aqurco)					1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	459 5306	306 743	0.690 0.640	0.660 0.640	_1.000 1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jcerco		740	0.880	0.870	1.000
Jordanian Electric Power		4232	1.530	1.520	1.000
Irbid District Electricity		_	_	_	1.000
Arab International Hotels	_	_	_	_	1.000 2.000
Garage Owners Federation Office	_	_	_	_	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	1250	1075	0.860	0.860	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	600	1680	2.750	2.800	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	5400	2350	0.450	0.430	1.000 1.000
Jordan Dairy		6592	1.180	1.170	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing		31840	2.040	1.950	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries		51993	1,060	1.040	1.003
Jordan Phosphate Mines		48045 1870	1.920	2.420 1.420	1.000 1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)  Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	1325 2159	10794	1.410 5.110	4.980	1.000
Aladdin Industries	13400	13600	1.050	1.020	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	357155	654355	1.900	1.840	1.000
Jordan Worsted Mills		1088	4.400	4.350	1.000
Jordan Ceramies		210 9246	1.050 1.200	1.050 1.200	1.000 1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	<del>-</del>	<i>,</i> 240	1.20		1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	2250	2991	1.340	1.330	1.000
National Steel Industries		47399	2.360	2.340	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries		2068 138	1.000 1.400	0.900 1.380	1.000 1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery		26459	7,440	7.390	5.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	16600	4503	0.290	0.270	1.000
National Industries	600	358	0.630	0.600	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	200	60	0.300	0.300	1,000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO), Livestock and Poultry		176 2665	0.970 0.750	0.800 0.720	1.000 1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing		6900	1.150	1.150	1.000
Rafia Industrial for Plastic Bags	_		_	_	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard	250	600	2.500	2.400	1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	300	139	0.470	0.460	1.000 1.000
Jordan Himeh Mineral		_	=	_	1.000
Orient Dry Batteries Factory		_	_	_	1.000
Woolen Industries	_				1.000
Jordan Tanning		1641	1.950	1.960	1.000 1.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging  Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	_	_		_	5.000
Jordan Brewery		_	=	_	1.000
Mas Industries	_		_	_	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	20550	25000		0.010	1.000
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing  Jordan Spinning & Weaving	28550 224281	25990 201778	0.930 0.900	0.910 0.870	1.000 1.000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	134056	379958	3.180	3.150	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	110297	108151	0.980	0.990	1.000
Jordan Glass Industries	490	441	0.920	0.900	1.000
Grand total	2,352,666	3,119,094			
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# AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET Lebanon's banks move offshore for survival

time and not having problems, but we try to cope and we try to survive."

Mr. Raymond Audi, executive ably well in spite of all the diffihead of Banque Audi, one of the culties but there have been exceptop four Lebanese banks, was reflecting on the precarious nature of business in Lebanon. Banking is no exception.

"A lot of banks have decided they got into trouble. to leave," he said in an interview at an elegant mansion in Christ- Lebanese banks would be in a ian east Beirut which serves as his headquarters. "We can now no longer consider ourselves a financial centre."

Before civil war broke out in 1975, Beirut was a boisterous financial market. Lebanese bankers, with some justification, referred to Beirut as the Switzerland of the Middle East.

Lebanese were bankers to the oil-rich rulers of the Gulf. The oil boom of the early 1970s contributed to tremendous growth in the banking sector.

The picture now is very different. Lebanese banks have scaled down their activities, hit by a rash of bad debts and the collapse in the value of the local currency. With typical flexibility, bowev-

er, Lebanese bankers have moved their operations offshore. Banque Audi, for example, bought a bank in Switzerland in 1975, and also has affiliated institutions in Paris and New York.

"We feel now we have something well secured abroad, if a maior disaster happens here," said Mr. Audi, whose Greek Catholic family opened its first bank in the southern Lebanese trading city of Sidon 120 years

Mr. Adnan Kassar, chairman of Fransabank and head of the bankers' association, said that up to 40 Lebanese banks were operating subsidiaries or joint ventures abroad. Fransabank established a joint venture bank in 1984 with Credit Agricole of France. Fransabank (France), owned 66 per cent by its parent company, returned a modest profit in its first full year of operations in 1985.

The growth in the number and activities of these offshore institutions is attributable in part to the large and often wealthy Lebanese communities who have taken refuge abroad. It is estimated that Lebanese have \$12 billion to \$16 billion deposited offshore. Mr. Joe Falloul, management

consultant in Beirut specialising in financial services, says that offshore banks are likely to prove the saviour of the Lebanese banking sector, sections of which are in serious difficulties.

"We are right now in the valley of death," he said. "If we can hang on for a couple of years, foreign subsidiaries of local banks will be able to support parent banks."

Mr. Kassar said that one of the strengths of offshore Lebanese banks was that they had readymade links with the Arab World which could be quickly exploited. In Lebanon itself the banking sector has held together reason-

damentalist trend. tions. Two small banks - First Phoenician and Capital Trust -

wing of the central bank after Mr. Falloul believes that most precarious position if "rigorous balance sheet principles" were

were for a time taken under the

applied. Banque Audi has taken steps to ensure it does not find itself in such a position. It raised its capital substantially in 1977 to L.L. 150 million which was a healthy sum in those days. It is now equivalent to just \$1.2 million.

The bank has also, according Mr. Audi, built up its provisions year by year so that it has achieved a liquidity ratio in its balance sheet of 80 per cent. "We have nothing more to worry about," Mr. Audi declared.

He said, however, that the business environment in Lebanon was terrible. He complained of security problems "every day" such as robberies and forgeries. Maintaining a control system and

auditing was difficult. Banks also faced problems recouping bad debts. The courts, in a situation of near anarchy, were reluctant to give judgments against debtors. There was the allied problem that in many areas tribunals had simply ceased to function.

The massive depreciation of the Lebanese pound has had one argues that Lebanon's gold re-benefit for local banks. It has serves worth about \$4 billion benefit for local banks. It has helped them cope with bad debts. The negative effect is that banks and financial institutions are becoming poorer in local assets. "Impoverishment is going too

said Mr. Audi sadly. Bankers are particularly worried about inflation, now running at more than 100 per cent annually. Lebanese bankers are also

Audi and Mr. Falloul fear the consequences of the Islamic fun-

"It could bring us to be really slaves," said Mr. Audi. "We have to protect our (Christian) entity.

We can't live without the Arab World," said Mr. Falloul.
"But we can't live with rules from the (mainly Muslim) western side of Beirut either, so maybe some form of decentralisation is the answer.'

On one point all Lebanese bankers appear in accord, and that is in their mutual antagonism towards the central bank and its governor, Mr. Edmond Naim. who is dismissed by the banking fraternity as "a lawyer" who knows little about financial mat-

Bankers are angered by the requirement that they lodge 45 per cent of deposits in treasury bills. This is in addition to the 13 per cent of deposits which must be placed as a statutory reserve.

Funds available for lending are squeezed. Industry has suffered. "Mr. Naim's main objective," said Mr. Kassar, "is not to look at the economy as a whole, but to force banks to buy treasury bills in order to finance the activities of the state."

Government revenues have collapsed and so the deficit is funded almost totally by borrowing. Bankers have protested about the requirement but to little effect. Government officials argue that there is no alternative way of financing the deficit.

Mr. Falloul disagrees. He

should be converted to interest bearing deposits which would yield sufficient income to cover most of the deficit. Lebanese themselves have in-

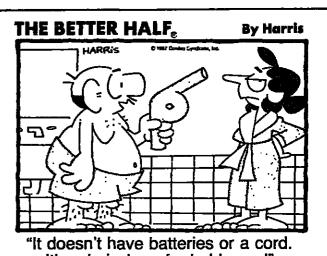
dicated their almost complete far and I don't see an end to it." lack of confidence in the future. About three-quarters of all bank deposits are in foreign currencies.

Mr. Kassar, who insisted the health of the banking sector was highly sensitive about political basically sound, was less sanguine developments. On the Christian about the future.

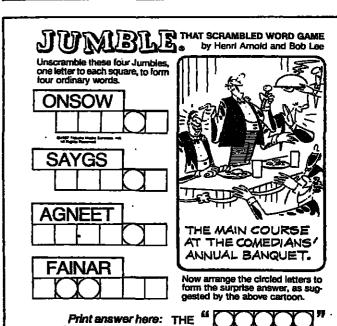
## Rado goes on display



AMMAN (J.T.) — Swiss ambassador to Jordan, Harold Borner, Thursday opened at the Amman Plaza Hotel an exhibition of Rado Swiss watches. The opening ceremony was attended by Amman's deputy governor, Mr. Khalid Murad. Guests toured the exhibition and were shown Rado's latest collection of Rado watches.



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## **Peanuts**









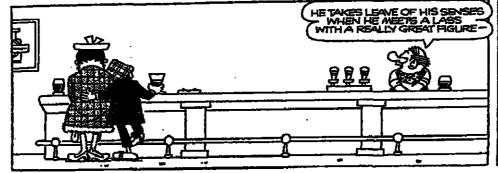
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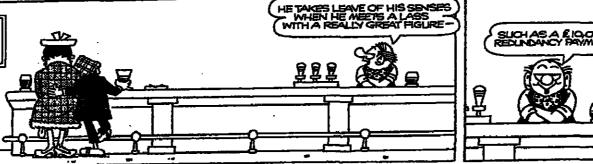






## **Andy Capp**





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# Botha eases conditions of detainees

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The South African government has eased jail conditions for thousands held in a crackdown on dissent but a leading civil rights campaigner dismissed the changes as cosmetic.

President P.W. Botha Friday repealed regulations under which some 25,000 people have been detained without trial since June 1986, replacing them with new rules which give detainees similar treatment to prisoners awaiting

Max Coleman, a founder of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, a civil rights group which monitors detentions, said he saw little substance in the changes.
"Detention is like apartheid.

You can't reform it, you have to abolish it." he told Reuters. He said South Africa, under pressure at home and abroad over mass detentions, was trying to give the impression it had

improved prison conditions. Coleman estimated that some 2,000 people, a third of them aged 18 or younger, were detained at present under nationwide emergency rule imposed a. year ago to quell black protest violence.

Detainees at some prisons have gone on hunger strike Under the new rules, detainees

will be given compulsory medical examinations and will be able to write and receive letters, although these will be censored. A disciplinary code, imposing strict penalties for minor offences such as whistling or swearing, was dropped. Detainees are still bar-

red from receiving newspapers, food, radios or television. sets. Easing of detention regulations came as the black marjority marked the 32nd anniversary of the adoption of the Freedom Charter, a blueprint for a non-

It also coincided with the end of a 14-day protest called by anti-apartheid groups to mark the in the township of Soweto, near Johannesburg, on June 16, 1976. The protest has passed relatively

The nation's biggest anti-apar-theid coalition, the United Democratic Front (UDF), Friday rebuffed the government, which has taken a new conciliatory stance on negotiations with

Stoffel Van Der Merwe, the minister charged with starting talks on a new constitution, said on national television this week that he was prepared to talk to jailed leaders, possibly including black nationalist Nelson Man-

In a dramatic change of heart by the government, he said he would not rule out talks with people associated with the UDF. But the UDF said in a state-

ment Friday it would play no partin any solution to South Africa's political crisis which failed to implement the freedom charter, which calls for equal rights, freedom of speech, assembly and worship and common ownership of the country's mineral wealth. It described the government's proposed National Statutory

Council, a negotiating forum to include blacks, as "the latest contraption of minority rule."

In Lusaka, Zambia, the guer-rilla-backed African National Congress on Friday marked the 32nd anniversary of its "Freedom Charter by pledging to take power in South Africa through 'mass political struggle and peo-

Outlawed in that country since 1960, the ANC reiterated its rejection of negotiations offered several times by the white-led government of President Botha. The movement said it aimed

for "a united, democratic and

non-racial South Africa." Commenting on South Africa's policy of apartheid, or racial separation, the ANC said: "It is

clear that between these two visions ... there can be no coexist-

## 2 killed during riots in India

NEW DELHI (Agencies) Police killed two people and injured four when they fired to stop street battles Saturday in the western city of Baroda, the Press Trust of India (PII) said.
One of those killed was a

PTI said two warring groups, which it did not identify, were battling in "sensitive" districts of Baroda. The city has several districts where members of the Hindu majority and the Muslim

minority live side-by-side. Violence erupted suddenly Friday night and three houses were set on fire by the rampaging crowds. Police opened fire Friday night and Saturday, PTI said. It

gave no further details.

wealthy princely state, is one of the main cities in Gujarat state, which has a record of Hindu-Muslim rioting. Meanwhile suspected terrorists

Baroda, formerly capital of a

gunned down three people in Punjab state, including a moderate Sikh leader, the United News of India reported Saturday. Nirmal Singh Badla, a member of Sikh Akali Dal Party, was

killed by four Sikh gunmen in his village in Hoshiarpur district Friday night, the news agency said. Badla also was a member of the Sikh Temple Management Com-A priest was killed in Gurdaspur district early Saturday, the

ency reported. Tarlok Dass, who had worked at the Chak Sidhwan village Sikh shrine for 15 years, was gunned down at point sents his state of-the-nation newspapers supported the meablank range by five Sikh extrem-

In another shooting, a veget-able seller was killed by three militants near Tandi village Friday night, UNI reported.

## GENEVA (AP) - A United Geneva. The convention does not apply The treaty sets up a 10-member

U.N. convention against

torture comes into force

Nations convention outlawing torture and providing for international probes of abuse allegations came into force after ratification by the required 20 countries.

As the first treaty to set down international rules specifically against torture or other cruel treatment, it provides for extradition of alleged torturers to stand War or national emergencies

are ruled out as a justification for torture, as is acting under orders. The document "is a crowning of the work on human rights so far," said Jan Martenson, head of the Geneva-based U.N. Centre for Human Rights, which helped draft the convention. He also. to past abuses, Mr. Martenson

panel of experts to monitor compliance. The experts can demand that countries open their borders to an international investigation on the basis of "well founded" allegations of systematic torture. They can report their findings to the U.N. General Assembly.

A loophole allows governments to exempt themselves from the threat of a probe as part of their ratification. This step was taken by the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Bulgaria and Hungary, as well as the Byelorussian and Ukrainian Soviet Republics, which are considered separate states in the United Nations. directs the U.N. office in

## Waldheim returns from Rome

VIENNA (R) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim returned to Vienna from a visit to Rome,: during which he met Pope John. Paul in the Vatican.

Speaking to reporters at Vienna airport, he said the Pope believed Austria had an important role to play in preserving peace in Central Europe. "We should think over and

take courage from what the Pope said about the possibilities of a small country," he said. Dr. Waldheim did not refer

directly to the controversy surrounding his Vatican audience, which was attacked by Jewish leaders and Israel because of allegations by Jewish groups of his involvement in Nazi war

He has strongly denied the allegations, which arose during the Austrian presidential election campaign last year. Thursday's audience was his

first foreign visit since he was

In an interview published

Saturday in the newspaper Kronen Zeitung, Dr. Waldheim said the visit strengthened his

'ignation.

resolve to resist calls for his res-

"I never thought of resigning and feel myself much stronger now," he said. "I have a mission

"All this talk about isolation is just an artificial construction," he added.

Meanwhile a U.S. rabbi has called for the release of all U.S. government documents pertaining to the Vatican's relationship with alleged Nazi war criminals.

Rabbi Avi Weiss, who led protest demonstrations in Rome against Dr. Waldheim's visit because of the Austrian's alleged involvement in war crimes, also said large numbers of American Jews would protest the Pope's visit to Miami in September.

Weiss, of the Hebrew Institute of New York, told reporters at New York's JFK International Airport that the Departments of Defence, State and Justice as well as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) must make public all documents "relating to what the Vatican did and did not do during World War II.

## Peru names new premier

LIMA, Peru (AP) - President Alan Garcia has named Senator Guillermo Larco as the nation's prime minister to replace Luis Alva Castro, who resigned to climax a long-standing feud with Mr. Garcia.

Alva Castro, who resigned Monday, also had served as finance minister. The announcement Friday night by the govern-ment news agency Andina did not mention if Larco would take over that portfolio. He currently serves as head of the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

Most of the other ministers formally resigned with Mr. Alva workers who paid into the system Castro but were expected to be renamed when Mr. Garcia preaddress on July 28.

Mr. Alva Castro, who is manocuvring to become the Aprista Party's candidate in the 1990 presidential elections, had sought to quit for several months but the time ago."

move was blocked by Mr. Garcia, who said he wanted to maintain continuity in economic planning. Meanwhile a new law took effect Friday that gives women who work in the home the same rights to Social Security benefits

as people with paying jobs. The measure classifies married or unmarried mothers who work at home as independent labourers and entitles them to the health insurance and pension programmes offered through the social security system.

Previously, only the wives of were covered.

Women interviewed by Lima

"We work without rest, vaca-

tion or diversion," said Julia Ramos, a housewife. "This law should have been passed a long

the site of a soda factory where it was found. Flushes substituted for blushes

for the first time this decade, more offices are installing the devices to discourage excessive toilet flushing, according to a city official. The main targets are fastidious Japanese women, probably the world's most enthusiastic flushers. Each time a Japanese woman visits a public toilet, she usually flushes three times. "The first is to ensure the toilet is nice and clean, the second is to cover any embarrassing sounds and the third is to leave it clean for the next person," said one young office worker. Shiseido, Japan's largest cosmetic maker, has installed 17 of the devices in the women's toilets in its Tokyo headquarters, a spokeswoman said. "I think we reduced our flushing to one time," she said. The device, which costs about 10,000 yen (\$68) makes a flushing sound at the touch of a button, she said.

## Scientists develop AIDS treatment

AIDS suffering, a spokesman for Bar Ilan University has said. The substance, condenamed AS101, stimulates the body to fight infection. It had been tested in Mexico on patients suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), who seemed to be doing well a year later, Professor Shmuel Salzberg said. Salzberg, head of the university's Life Sciences Faculty, said. AS101 stimulates the immune system to produce lymphocytes, which resist disease. Tests on mice at Bar Ilan and in the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed AS101 to be affected by the second of the United States also showed as States and States also showed as States also showed as States also showed as States as States also showed as States also showed as States also showed AS101 to be effective against cancer, he said. The scientists were awaiting permission from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to begin testing on AIDS patients in the United States, he said. The two researchers who developed the compound, Professor Michael Albeck and Professor Benjamin Fredni, were not available for comment.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A boom in the use of condoms and gloves due to the worldwide fear of AIDS has bolstered the rubber industry, according to a senior minister from Malaysia, the world's largest producer of natural rubber. Malaysian Minister of Primary industries Dato Dr. Lim Keng Yaik told a news conference "the demand for latex concentrate, which gloves and condoms are made of, is at a premium" because of fear of the spread of AIDS. Many health officials have said that wearing rubber gloves and condoms may prevent or curtail the spread of AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Laursaid AIDS was affecting mainly the natural rubber market because synthesis. of the AIDS scare," Lim said without citing statistics.

BELGRADE (R) — Belgrade police forcibly evicted hundreds of Serb protesters from the area of parliament Saturday, herding them on to buses and driving them back to Yugoslavia's ethnically-tense Kosovo province, eyewitnesses said.

They were among the more than 1,000 people who protested Friday against alleged brutalities by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority as the ruling Communist Party Central Committee held a special plenum on the problem.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Drivers stopped their vehicles

and honked horns as a gesture of

derision at a government decree

that seized control of the election

process from the independent

All traffic in Port-Au-Prince

came to a halt at noon (1600

GMT) Friday. Cars, motorcycles,

colourfully painted "tap-tap" tax-

ies and trucks honked their horns

in unison for nearly 15 minutes.

Haitian flags from front bumpers

and pedestrians danced in the

VIENNA (R) — A United Na-

tions conference on fighting drug abuse has wound up with 138

nations expressing determination

Delegates said there was a new

cooperative spirit among both

producer and consumer coun-

tries, with Eastern and Western

nations acknowledging that no

one is immune any longer from

addiction problems and the enor-

mous power of the drug barons.

another U.N. talking shop. We got a pleasant surprise," said West European delegate.

One of the best examples of

concrete action against drugs is

Bolivia's three-year plan to wipe

out its cocoa plantations, which

supply up to half the world's

West Germany, Italy and Bri-

But behind-the-scenes talks be-

tween Bolivian Foreign Minister

tain have announced support for

the \$300-million plan.

"We came here half expecting

crete action.

cocaine.

Some cars flew blue and red

**U.N.** conference on drugs

ans into con-

electoral board.

protesters singing, chanting threats to take up arms against the Albanians, and jeering at police, refused to leave after the plenum was abruptly cut short at about 1 a.m.

Police moved in and removed

The official Tanjug News Agency said the protest ended "without major incidents" and

Haitians protest against unpopular decree against (the governing national) council," shouted taxi driver Yves Auguste. "There's no way we're going to let them . rig . our

> The demonstration was organised by more than 70 civic, political, religious and trade organisations, who have called for a general strike Monday. Word of the protest was spread Friday morning by radio stations.

The governing junta, which is headed by Lt.-Gen. Henri Namphy, earlier this week decreed new election regulations and prohibited the electoral council from "This is proof that all of Haiti is organising the elections.

government and the electoral council has threatened to disrupt the Caribbean country's return to democratic government.

> cipal and rural council elections on Aug. 23 for the first time since President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled the country in February 1986, ending 29 years of dictatorship by the Duvalier

Elections for president and a bicameral National Assembly are tentatively set for Nov. 27.

successor to retiring supreme court justice Lewis F. Powell.

Mahathir Mohamad said: "The next important question we need to ask ourselves is whether we, as the international community, can

## GOREN BRIDGE

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We round out our bridge player's dictionary with a double-dummy problem composed by the great Robert Darvas, to represent XYZ. Against your contract of six spades, West leads the six of clubs. You must make 12 tricks against

originated by George S. Coffin. In it, each of the three menaces is guarded by both opponents.
Win the king of clubs, cash the king of diamonds and ruff a diamond. Now lead the jack of spades. If East ducks, cash the ace of clubs and ruff a club. Play off the ace of a club from dummy. It does not help East to ruff, so he discards a heart (best). Ace of hearts and another then end plays East for a

vows to take concrete action Assistant Secretary of State Ann Wrobleski revealed strains between La Paz and Washington, the plan's biggest potential spon-

Ms. Wrobleski said Bolivia must push ahead with cradicating cocoa bushes if it wanted to secure a \$75-million aid deal.

But Mr. Bedregal said that destroying crops alone would rob peasants of their livelihood and could trigger guerrilla warfare in his country, among the Western

probably go through.

Closing the meeting Friday, Malaysian Prime Minister

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trump return.

If East covers the jack of spades with the king, you take the ace,

hemisphere's poorest. Colombia already faces a se-

rious threat to law and order from well-armed private armies sponsored by powerful drugs barons. Delegates said the deal would

translate our political commitment into effective and sustain-

## Guillermo Bedregal and U.S.

X IS FOR (H)EXAGON SQUEEZE NORTH ross to the ten of trumps and lead **±**J106 ∇J10532 the jack of hearts, covered by the queen and won with the ace. Draw the last trump to bring about this

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When you lead a trump, you discard a heart from North. West cannot let go a heart. If he sluffs a diamond, East must part with a club. Play your last trump. West must discard his remaining diamond and East his low heart. Cross to the ace of clubs and throw East in with a heart to force a diamond return from the 7-5 into the A-6 tenace. If, instead, West pitches a club in

the diagrammed position, East must let go a diamond. Cash the ace of clubs and ruff a club, forcing a heart discard from West. Take the ace of diamonds and lead a heart, picking up West's heart as East, wins the king. East must present dummy with a heart trick to fulfill

## **Democrats** to give close scrutiny to new supreme court nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats have served notice they will use their Senate majority to give Republican President Ronald Reagan's nominee close scrutiny. in confirmation hearings on a

been the pivotal vote in many of the court's close decisions, Friday announced he was retiring from the United States' highest court. He has suffered from prostate cancer and will be 80 in

chief justice, replaced one conservative with another.

U.S. circuit court Judge Robert H. Bork and Republican Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah promptly surfaced as contenders as spe-culation began over a possible

of San Diego, also were men-tioned by Justice Department

Senator Paul Simon, a 1988 Democratic presidential contender and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Mr. Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese must "understand that they can't come in with any nominee and get him confirmed.

"If this was next year the president would have to sit down and work with the Senate in picking somebody whose qualifications were predominantly competence, not ideology," said Senator Patrick Leahy, another Judiciary Committee member.

go if he wants to expend an enormous amount of political capital he can pick somebody whose qualifications are ideological rather than competence and probably get him confirmed." Mr. Reagan's successor will be

chosen in the November 1988

## Police surround Dhaka University after clash DAHAKA (R) — Six-thousand riot police surrounded Bang-

ty Saturday after rival students fought with guns and petrol bombs over a leadership row. Police said nearly two hours of battles on the university campus Friday left 10 students seriously hurt, three motor cycles burnt

All roads to the university were closed to traffic after the riot police surrounded the four-

### square-mile (10.4-sq. kilometre) Samaj and the opposition campus in the heart of Bangladesh's capital city.

ladesh's premier Dhaka Universi-Vice-Chancellor Abdul Mannan told Reuters he was considering shutting the university inde-finitely and asking all students to vacate their halls of residence.

"Let us see if sanity returns or not. Otherwise, the option is there," he said.

The fighting climaxed a row

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. over the leadership control of Surya Sen and Mohsin Halls, which house nearly 8,000 students. Witnesses said both groups

fired shots from submachine guns and hurled petrol bombs at each other until police arrived to restore order. No one was arrested.

Dhaka University is traditionally regarded as Bangladesh's between two student groups, the political hot spot and the centre pro-government Jatiya Chhatra of all political movements.

# Gorbachev strengthens his leadership

revive their stagnant economy, but Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has strengthened his hand with the promotion of three allies, analysts said Saturday. Mr. Gorbachev pledged his commitment to tough, sweeping

economic reform at a Central Committee meeting this week, and consolidated his power base with the election of three key aides as full members of the ruling politburo, they said. But a leading economist who attended the meeting said the

policy-setting body of slightly more than 300 members had not been unanimous on how to inject new life into the economy. Abel Aganbegyan, an adviser

reform. "But there were quite a lot of emotional speeches, people voiced criticisms and disagreements....," he said.

ment) next week and come into force in January.

Mr. Gorbachev, closing the two-day meeting, said there had been a "free and businesslike discussion" — a phrase often used to indicate differing views. Foreign analysts said Mr. Aganbegyan's comments pointed to some opposition to Mr. Gorbachev in the Central Commit-

But they said the promotion to the full politburo of Alexander Yakovlev, Nikolai Slyunkov and Viktor Nikonov, with respective backgrounds in ideology, economic administration and agriculture, had bolstered Mr. Gor-

Mr. Gorbachev took office in

March 1985.

The analysts, noting that eight of the 14 full politburo members had been appointed since Mr. Gorbachev became party leader of reform, told a news conference in 1985, said he appeared to be he personally had not agreed with more in command of the top party ranks than at any time since

to reduce central control of fac. All were appointed to the party

closest advisers on plans for stimulating the economy and pursuing social reform.

No removals from the politburo were reported. There had been widespread speculaton that Geidar A. Aliev, who has been absent from several major leadership meetings in recent months, was in poor health or political trouble.

reason to say that the plenary meeting has justified the hopes of Communists, of all Soviet The official news agency TASS said the Supreme Soviet, the

results of the Central Committee meeting. The presidium, chaired by President Andrei Gromyko, discussed and approved the agenda for its summer session, which

takes place next week, TASS added.

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## 4-day-old panda dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giant panda Ling-Ling's tiny 4-day-old cub died just before midnight Friday, said national zoo officials. The cub's squeals were last heard at about 11:41 p.m. and the mother panda put the cub down and went into an adjoining room. 15 minutes later, zoo spokesman Robert Hoage said in a news release Saturday. The cub did not vocalise as it had previously done whenever it had been briefly separated from Ling-Ling. At 12-05 a m. Ling-Ling picked up the cub, licked and cradled it, but again there was no sound and the infant appeared motionless. Zookeepers then permitted the mother panda to enter an outdoor. enclosure and removed the cub at 1:43 a.m. The dead cub was a female. Officials had been monitoring the progress of the cub via closed-circuit television and had been unable to determine its sea earlier. "We feel we did just about everything we could to ensure that the mother and the cub would do as well as possible, but nature has a way to taking things into her own hands," Hoage said. Mother and cub had appeared in good health Friday and zoo officials were optimistic that the cub would indeed become the first giant panda bred in captivity in the United States.

## Perfume unclaimed for 2 years

MOSCOW (R) — French perfume, worth millions of dollars, has been stored unclaimed in a Leningrad warehouse for more than two years, a Soviet newspaper has said. The weekly Nedelya said the two-million roubles (\$2.9 million) cargo was unloaded from the cargo ship Magnitogorsk in December 1984 but was never claimed despite the big demand for perfume in the Soviet Union.

The perfume was discovered in March and Soviet lawyers were investigating the case, the newspaper said.

## Pisa tower leans a bit more

PISA, Italy (AP) — The Leaning Tower of Pisa leaned another 1.30 millimetres (.052 inches) in the last 12 months, slightly more than the previous period, two Italian professors reported. The annual measurements on the 814-year-old marble landmark were conducted in the last week by Geri Gero and Brunetto Paila, professors at the University of Pisa. They said the tilt increased slightly over the 1286 millimetres (.051 inches) recorded from June 1985 to June 1986. The professors gave no explanation for the slight increase, but said it was not alarming. The tower, begun in 1173, started to tilt almost immediately after it was built because the ground shifted underneath. It leans around 5.1 metres off the perpendicular.

## Renoir painting sold for \$900,000

PARIS (R) — A painting by French impressionist Auguste Renoir has fetched 5.35 million francs (\$900,000) at a Paris auction. The oil painting, "Femme En Bleu Dans Le Jardin De Saint Cloud," (woman in olue in the garden at Saint Cloud), was painted in 1899. Officials at the Paris Hotel Drouou auction house declined to name the buver.

## 'Americans losing morality, patriotism'

WASHINGTON (R) — The retiring head of the Marine Corps General P.X. Kelley has said young Americans are losing moral fibre and patriotism because of flag-burning protests, Watergate, working mothers and lack of religion in public schools. With it rows of colourful military ribbons on his left breast and four silver stars glinting on each dark green uniform shoulder, Gen. Kelley suggested that recent spy scandals and other events point in moral breakdown in America. "His there. It's latent. It's walking the problem with this moral fibre deterioration. I think it could

become epidemic," he told reporters at a breakfast meeting. Kelley, 58, retires Sunday as the nation's top Marine and a member of the Pentagon Joint Chiefs of Staff. He said American children watched television and wondered as U.S. flags were burned in Washington to protest the Vietnam war, watched President Nixon resign in the Watergate scandal, and are now taught morals "by some nameless, faceless child care centre" because half of American mothers work. God, he also said, has been taken out of schools.

## Chinese discover dinosaur fossils

PEKING (R) — Chinese scientists have discovered the fossil of a previously unknown type of dinosaur which lived in inner Mongolia more than 130 million years ago, the New China News Agency has said. They have named the animal, which was 21 metres long and almost six metres tall, Qagan Nur Dinosaur after 3::

TOKYO (R) — A prolonged drought is boosting sales of a device. which imitates the sound of a flushing toilet — and spares Japanese women's blushes. With Tokyo facing water restrictions

TEL AVIV (R) — Two Israeli scientists have developed a chemical compound which may prolong the lives of cancer and

## Rubber condoms help industry

was affecting mainly the natural rubber market because synthetic rubber is too expensive for condoms and gloves. "I think the price of rubber has been quite steady and bullish in a way because of this increased demand for natural rubber — as one of the factors

## Yugoslav police evict Serb protesters Eyewitnesses said hundreds of the people were driven home. Tanjug said the plenum adopted a resolution aimed at resolving ethnic friction between

racial South Africa.

them forcibly, herding them on to buses and driving them away,

and some 200,000 Serbs and

Montenegrins in the province. Informed sources said the Communist authorities, fearing the protesters would be joined by local sympathisers already swelling in numbers outside police barriers, decided to end the

the 1.7 million ethnic Albanians

The confrontation between the Haiti, with a population of about 6 million, will hold muni-

Powell, a moderate who has

September. Powell's departure gives Mr. Reagan the chance to change significantly the court's ideological balance with his third appointment. His most recent appoint-ment, naming William H. Rehnquist to replace Warren Burger as

successor to Powell. Two other appeals court judges, Richard A. Posner of Chicago and J. Clifford Wallace

"But with a year and a half to

# and some office buildings dam-

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet Communist Party leaders have shown they are divided on how to by the Supreme Soviet (parlia-

to Mr. Gorbachev, said the committee was united on the need for

Mr. Aganbegyan, a champion every part of a draft economic law presented by the committee he took office. tories and inspire managerial in-secretariat under Mr. Gorbachev

The law is due to be approved

tee, almost 60 per cent of whose members were appointed before

bachev's position.

and are considered among his

In his closing address on Fri-day, the 56-year-old Kremlin leader declared: "We have full

highest Soviet state body, later expressed satisfaction with the

The Supreme Soviet, which is also due to discuss a draft law aimed at improving citizens' legal rights, generally unanimously approves all measures put before it by the ruling party.